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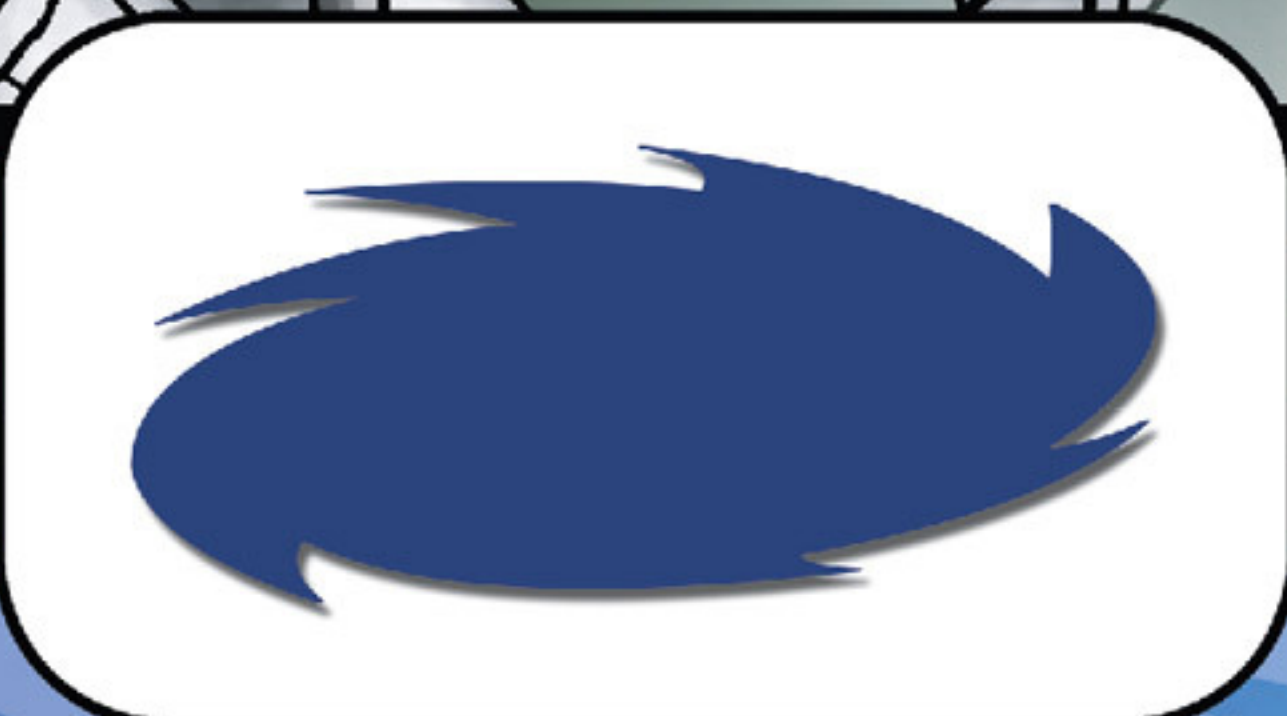
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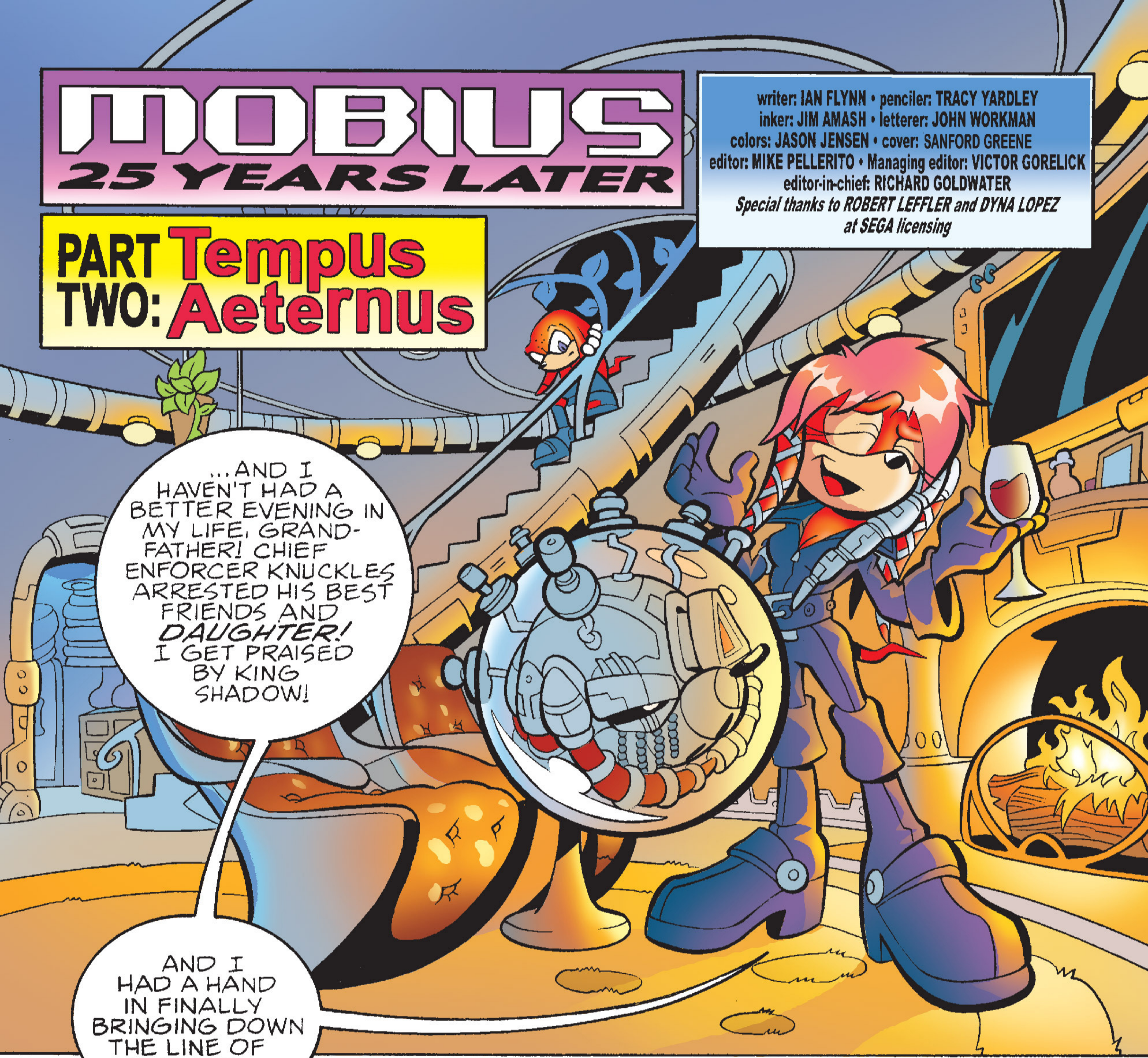


MOBIUS

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PART Tempus TWO: Aeternus




...AND I
HAVEN'T HAD A
BETTER EVENING IN
MY LIFE, GRAND-
FATHER! CHIEF
ENFORCER KNUCKLES
ARRESTED HIS BEST
FRIENDS AND
DAUGHTER!
I GET PRAISED
BY KING
SHADOW!

AND I
HAD A HAND
IN FINALLY
BRINGING DOWN
THE LINE OF
EDMUND.

YOU ARE
DESPICABLE,
LIEN-DA! I
HAVE NOT BEEN
THIS ASHAMED
OF MY BLOOD-
LINE SINCE I
WORKED WITH
DOCTOR
FINITEVUS.



GIVE
IT A REST,
DIMITRI.



THIS
IS THE WAY
THINGS ARE
NOW. THE
ONLY THREE
WHO COULD
CHANGE
THINGS
ARE NOW
LOCKED
AWAY.

THE CATACOMBS
BENEATH CASTLE
MOBIUS.

BRINGS BACK
MEMORIES,
DOESN'T IT?

YEP. YOU, ME,
AND A PRISON
THAT WILL
SURELY
LEAD TO
OUR END.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE DAD
LOCKED ME UP!
WHEN I TELL
MOM, SHE'S
GONNA
FLIP!

HOW CAN
YOU ALL JOKE
AT A TIME
LIKE THIS?
KING SHADOW
WILL SHOW US
NO MERCY.
THERE IS NO
HOPE FOR ANY
OF US NOW.

I'LL SAY.
RUTAN WILL
NEVER LET
ME HEAR
THE END
OF THIS.

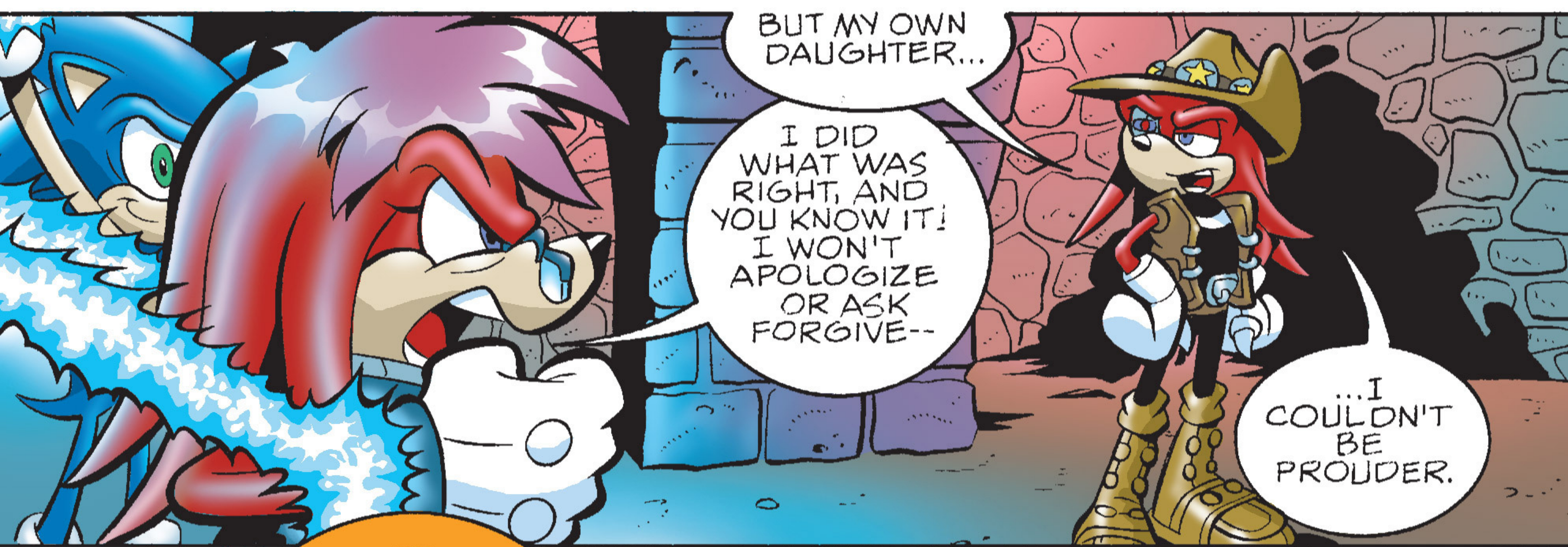
HOW
CAN YOU
ACT LIKE THAT
IN A TIME
LIKE THIS?

BECAUSE...

...SHE'S THE
DAUGHTER OF A
GUARDIAN.



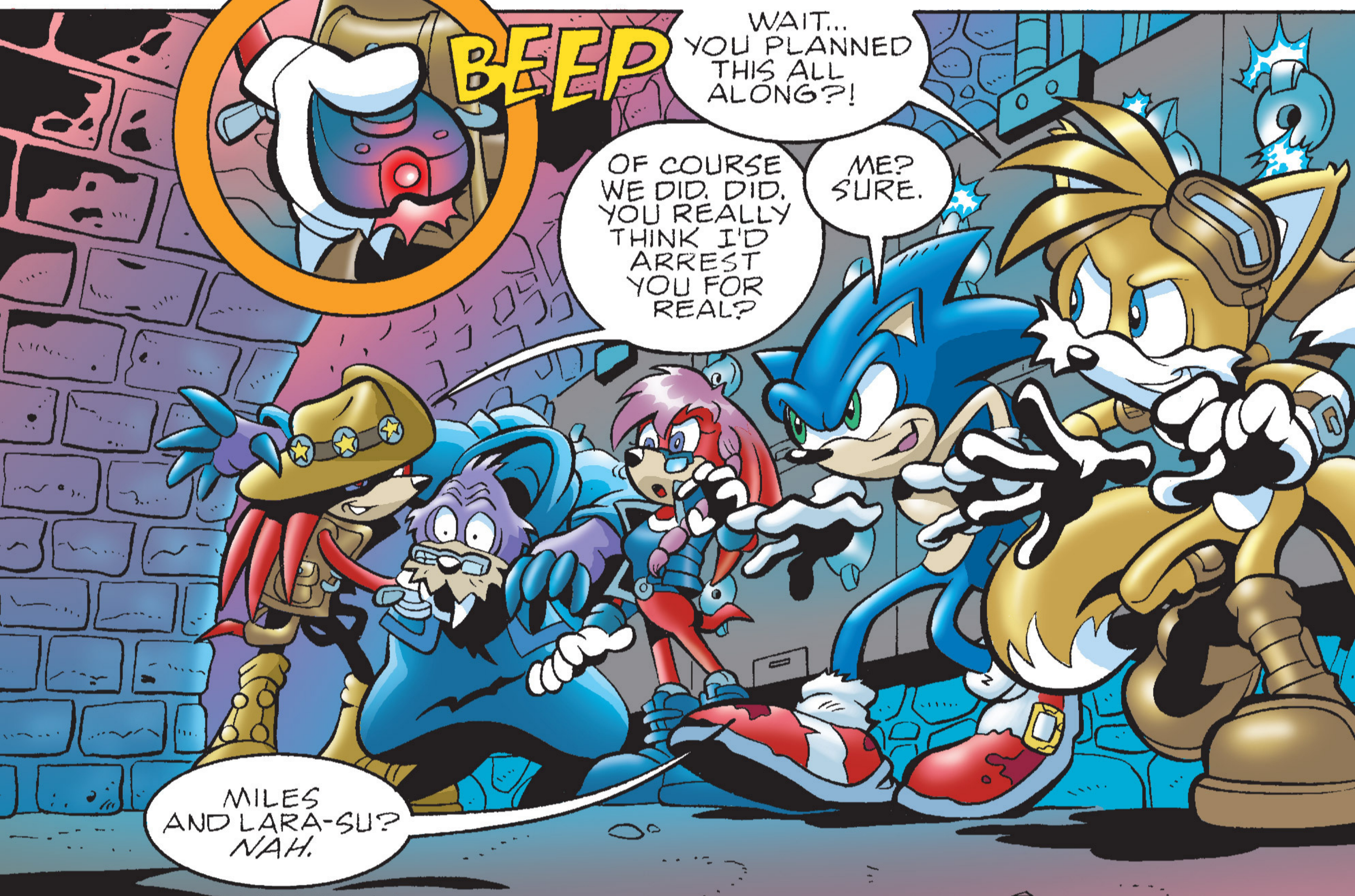
I'M NOT SURPRISED A COUPLE OF LUNATICS LIKE YOU WOULD WIND UP LIKE THIS.



BUT MY OWN DAUGHTER...

I DID WHAT WAS RIGHT, AND YOU KNOW IT! I WON'T APOLOGIZE OR ASK FORGIVE--

...I COULDN'T BE PROUDER.



BEEP

WAIT... YOU PLANNED THIS ALL ALONG?!

OF COURSE WE DID, DID, YOU REALLY THINK I'D ARREST YOU FOR REAL?

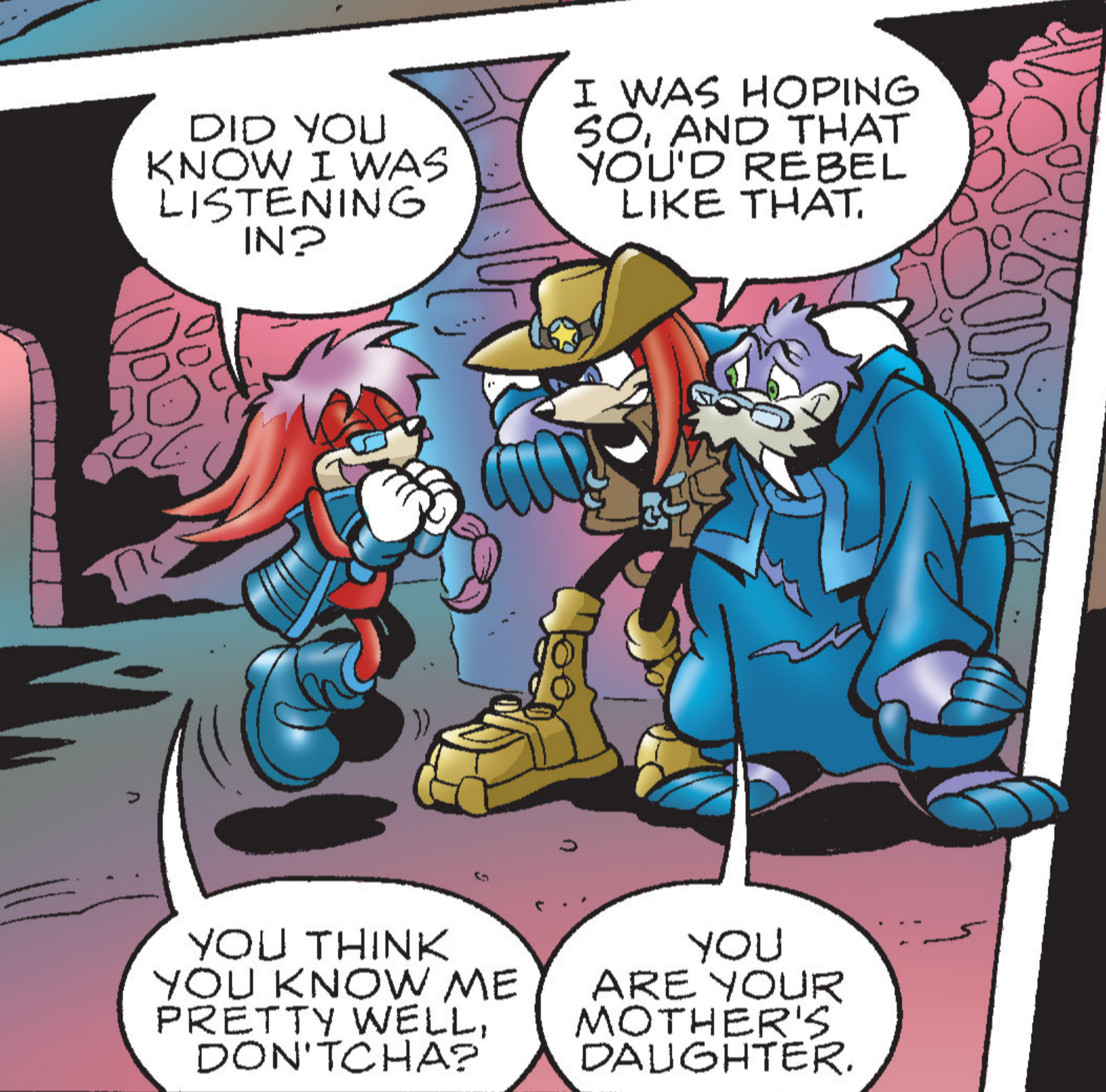
ME? SURE.

MILES AND LARA-SU? NAH.



I'LL HACK INTO THE CASTLE'S SYSTEM AND MAKE SURE YOU AND KNUCKLES HAVE A CLEAR PATH, HE'LL GET QUEEN SALLY TO SAFETY SO THE MONARCHY REMAINS SOMEWHAT STABLE. THAT LEAVES...

SHADOW FOR ME. GOT IT.

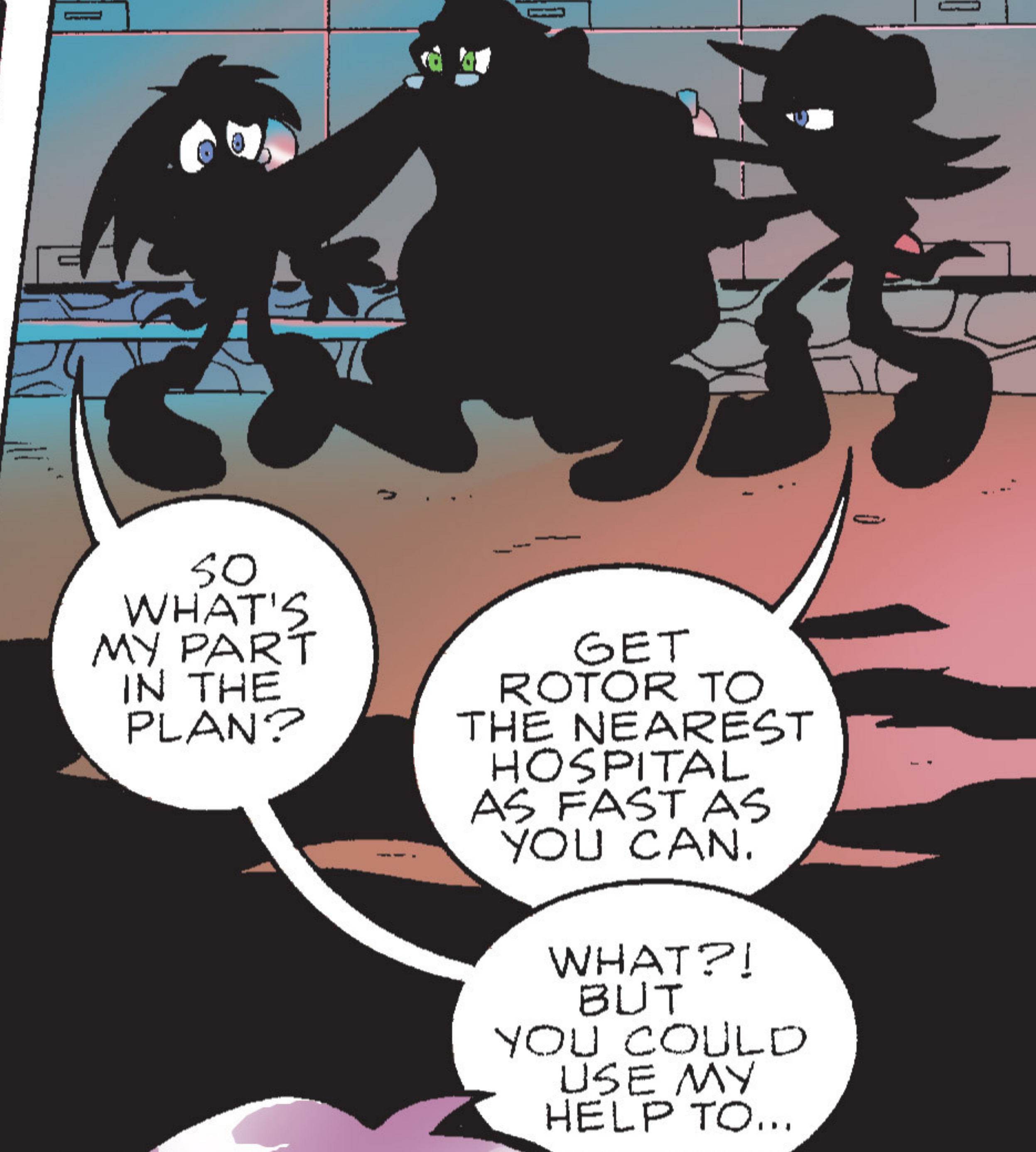


DID YOU KNOW I WAS LISTENING IN?

I WAS HOPING SO, AND THAT YOU'D REBEL LIKE THAT.

YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME PRETTY WELL, DON'TCHA?

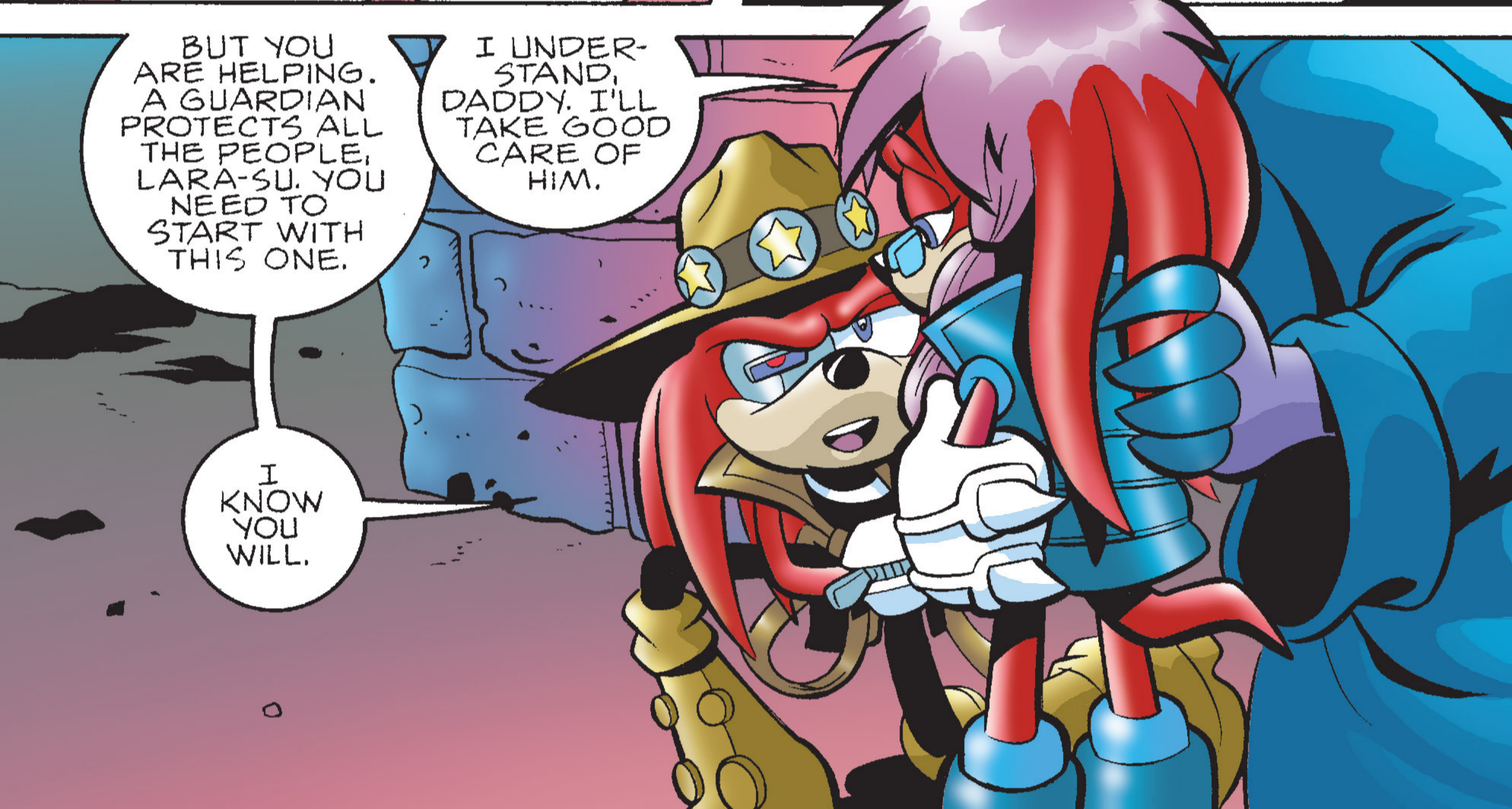
YOU ARE YOUR MOTHER'S DAUGHTER.



SO WHAT'S MY PART IN THE PLAN?

GET ROTOR TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

WHAT?! BUT YOU COULD USE MY HELP TO...



BUT YOU ARE HELPING. A GUARDIAN PROTECTS ALL THE PEOPLE, LARA-SU. YOU NEED TO START WITH THIS ONE.

I UNDERSTAND, DADDY. I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM.

I KNOW YOU WILL.

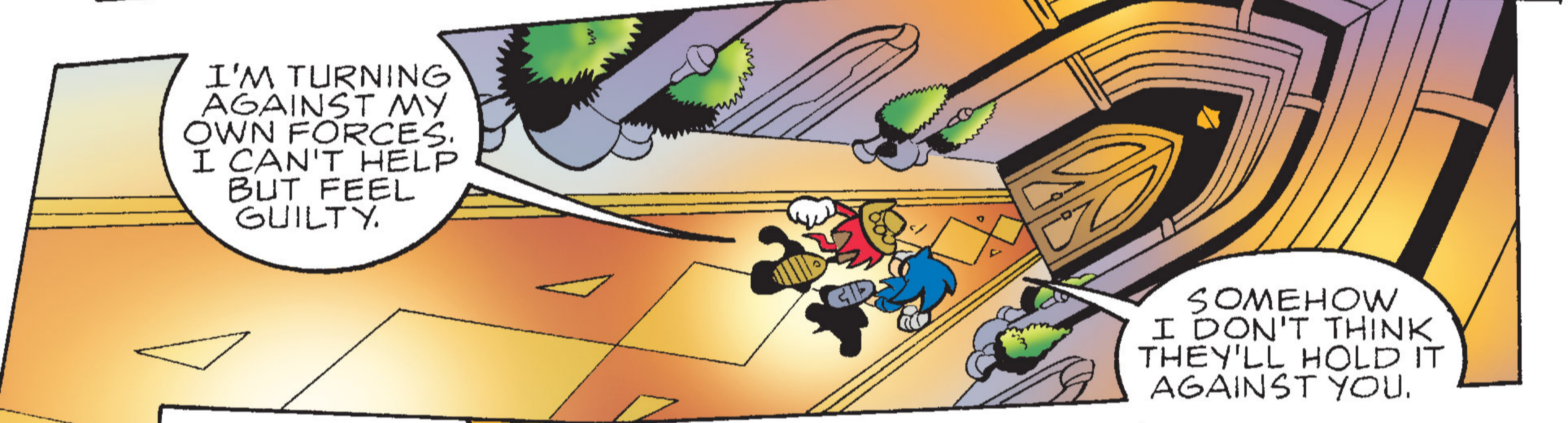
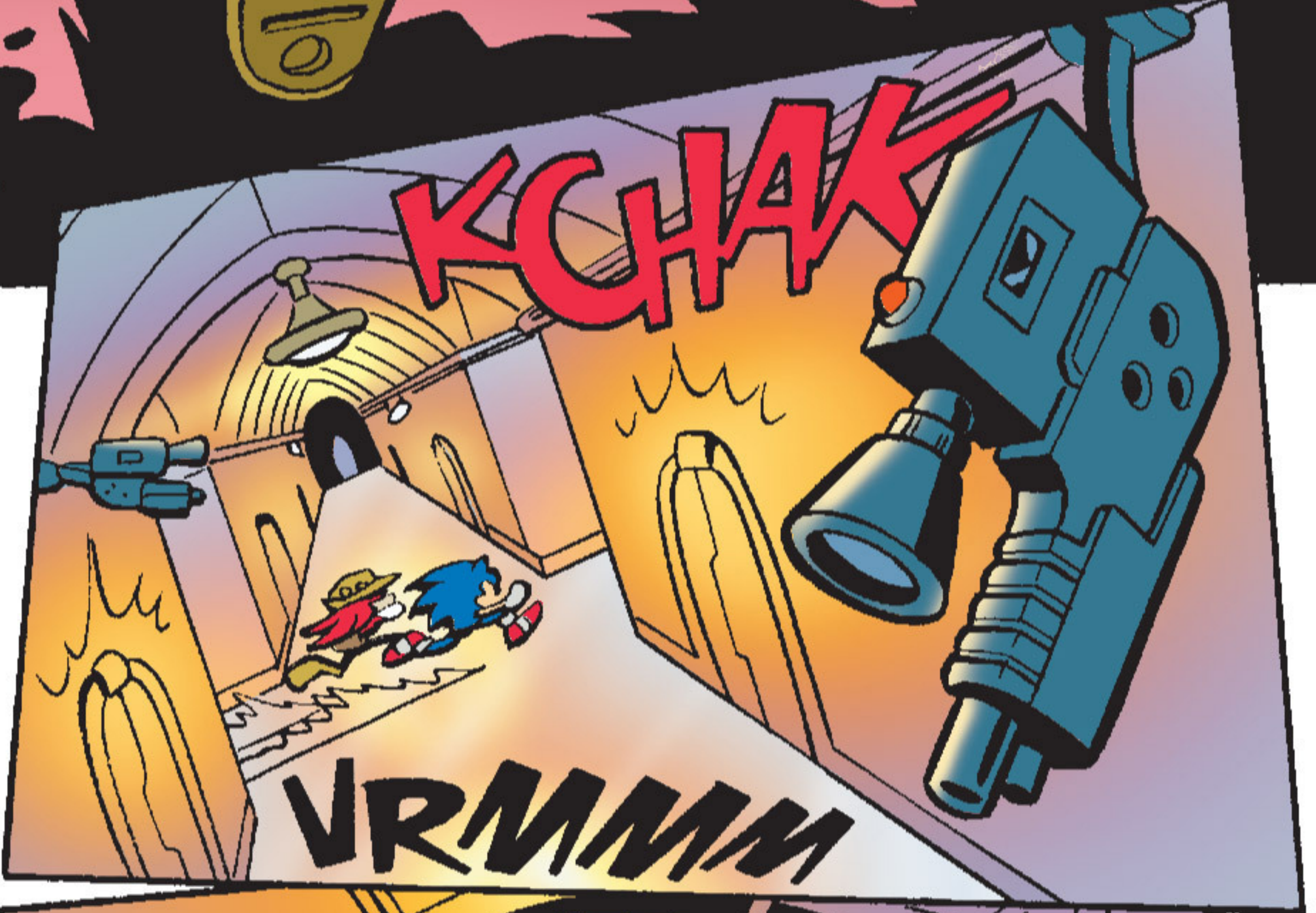


LET'S DO IT TO IT.

ONE LAST TIME.

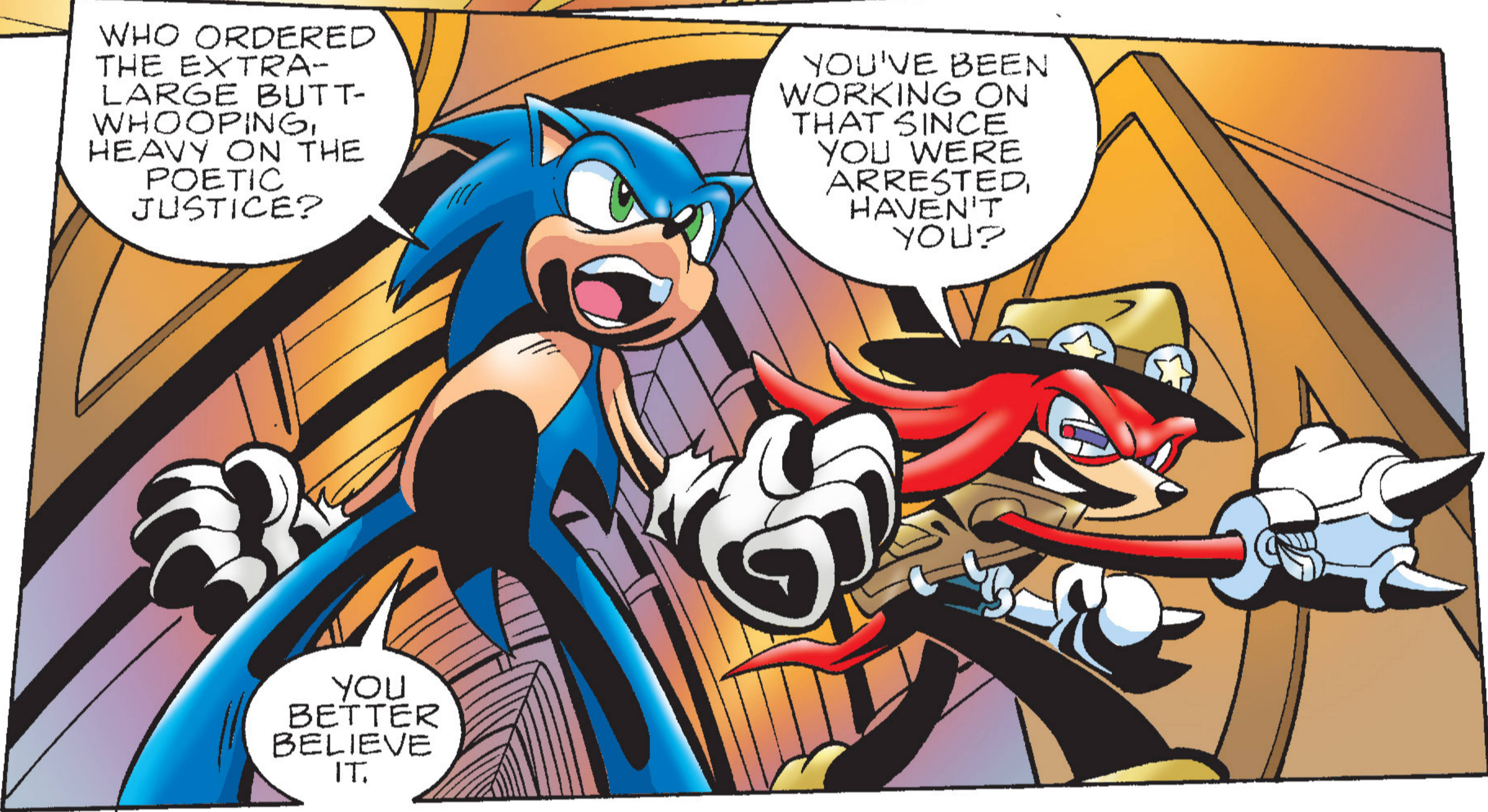
YOU HAVE YOUR FATHER'S STRENGTH.

LIMPH! GOOD THING, TOO.



I'M TURNING AGAINST MY OWN FORCES. I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL GUILTY.

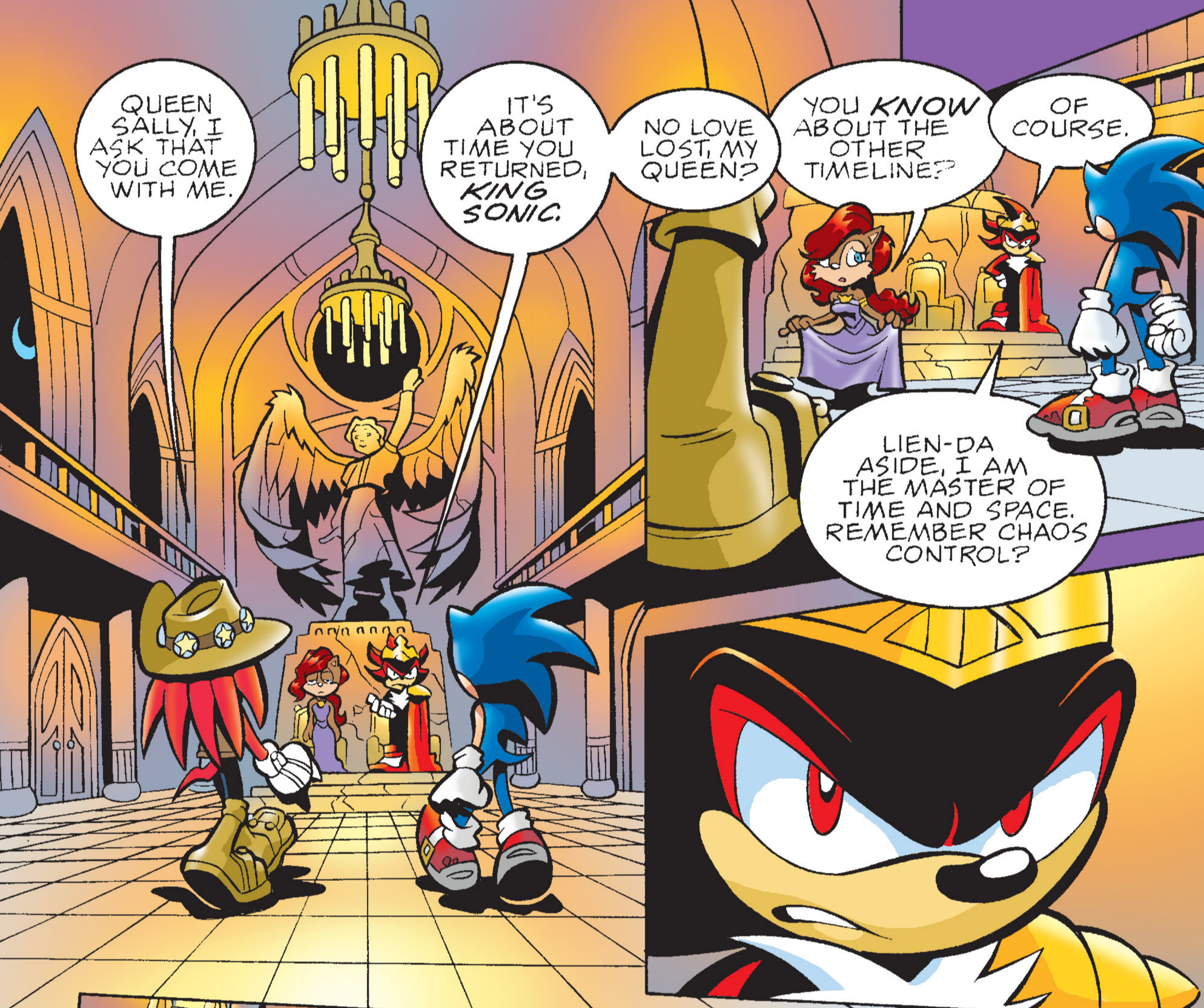
SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK THEY'LL HOLD IT AGAINST YOU.



WHO ORDERED THE EXTRA-LARGE BUTT-WHOOPING, HEAVY ON THE POETIC JUSTICE?

YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT SINCE YOU WERE ARRESTED, HAVEN'T YOU?

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT.



QUEEN SALLY, I ASK THAT YOU COME WITH ME.

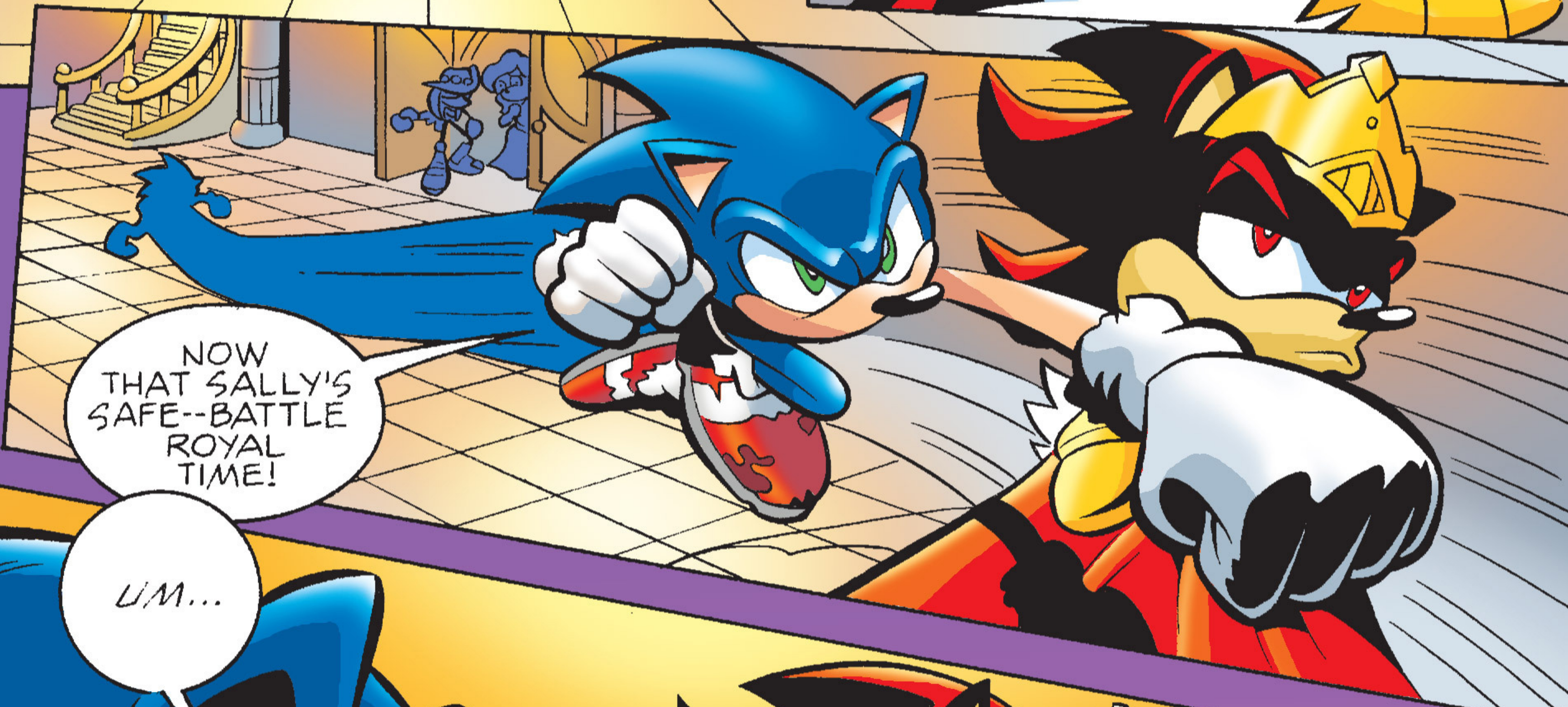
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU RETURNED, KING SONIC.

NO LOVE LOST, MY QUEEN?

YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER TIMELINES?

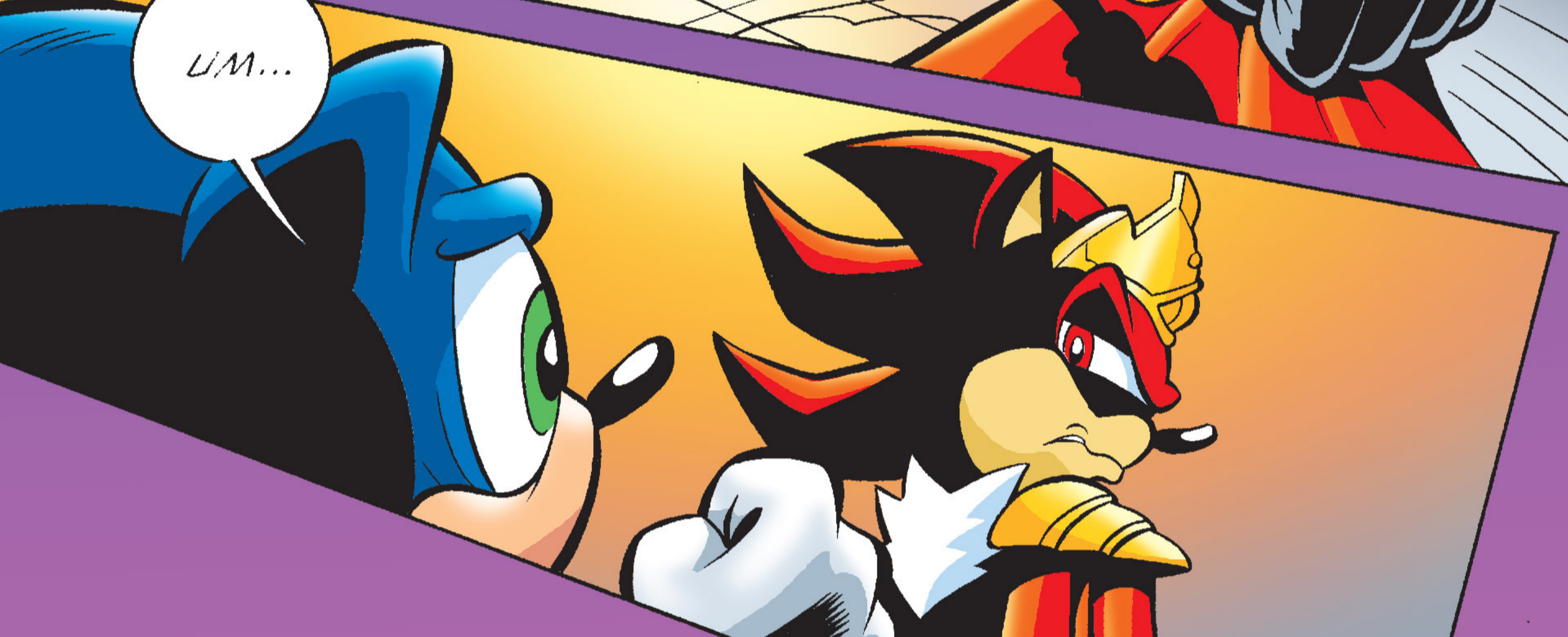
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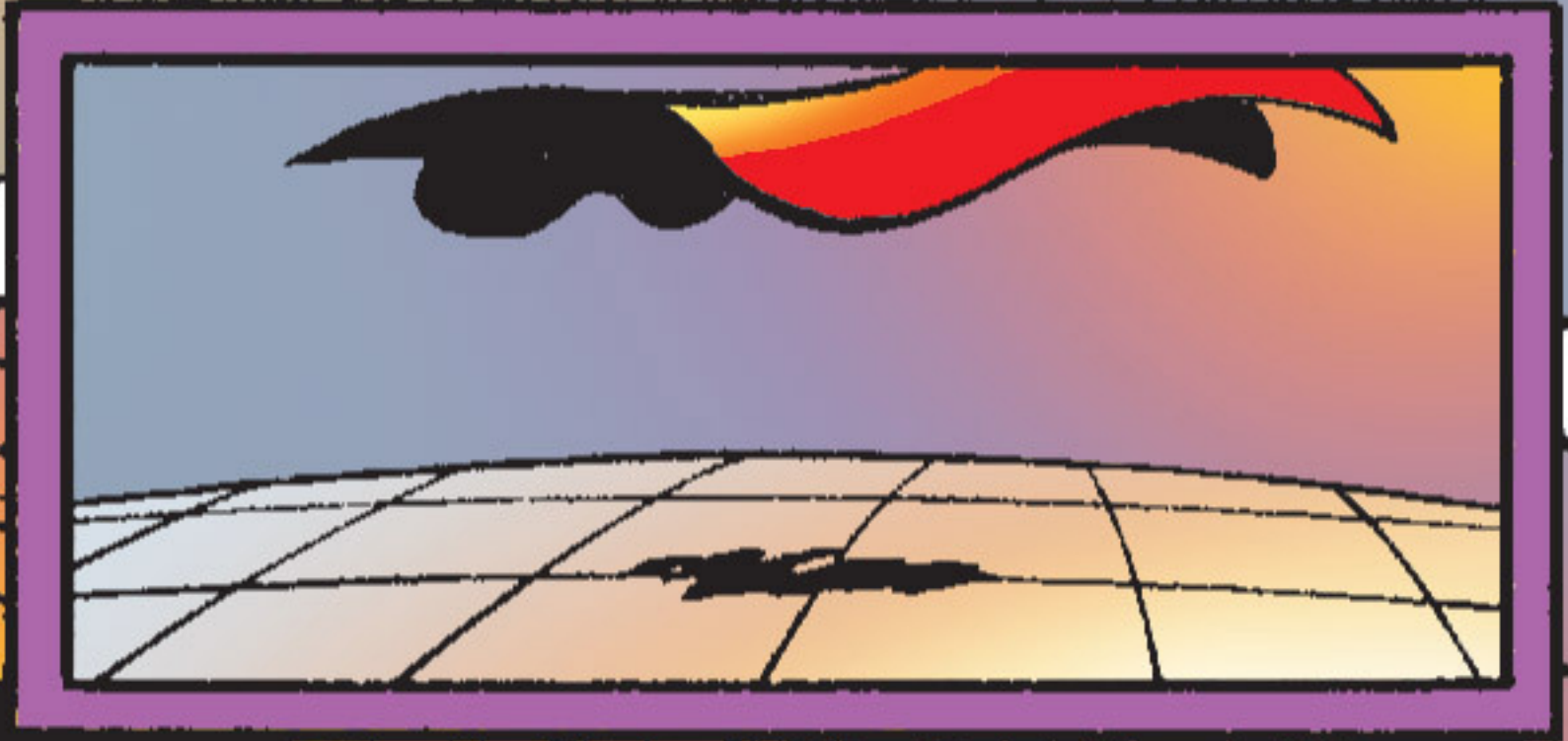
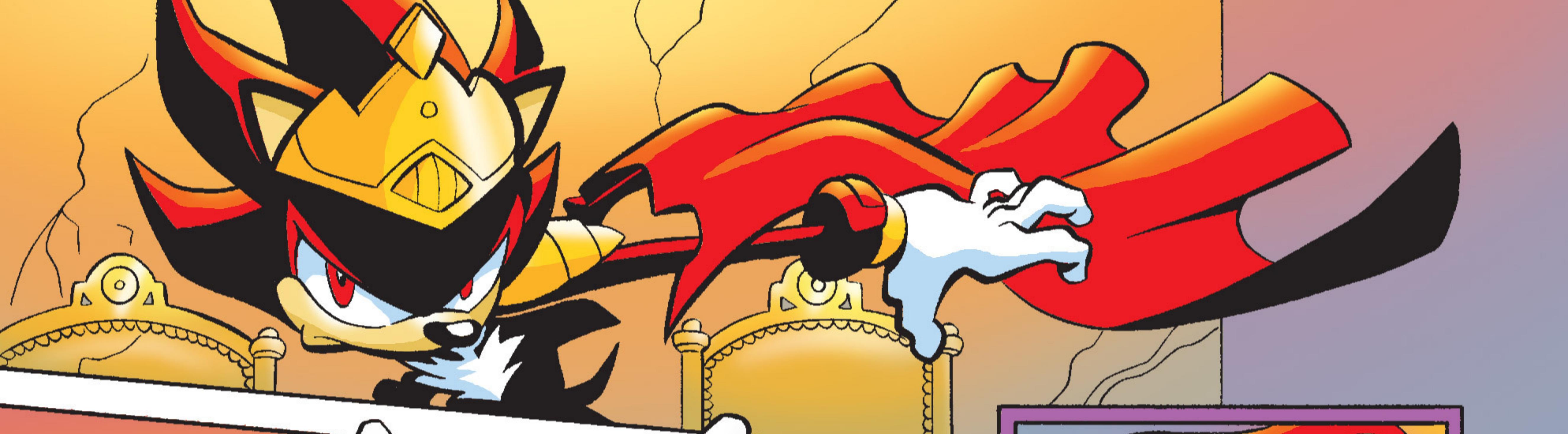
LIEN-DA ASIDE, I AM THE MASTER OF TIME AND SPACE. REMEMBER CHAOS CONTROL?



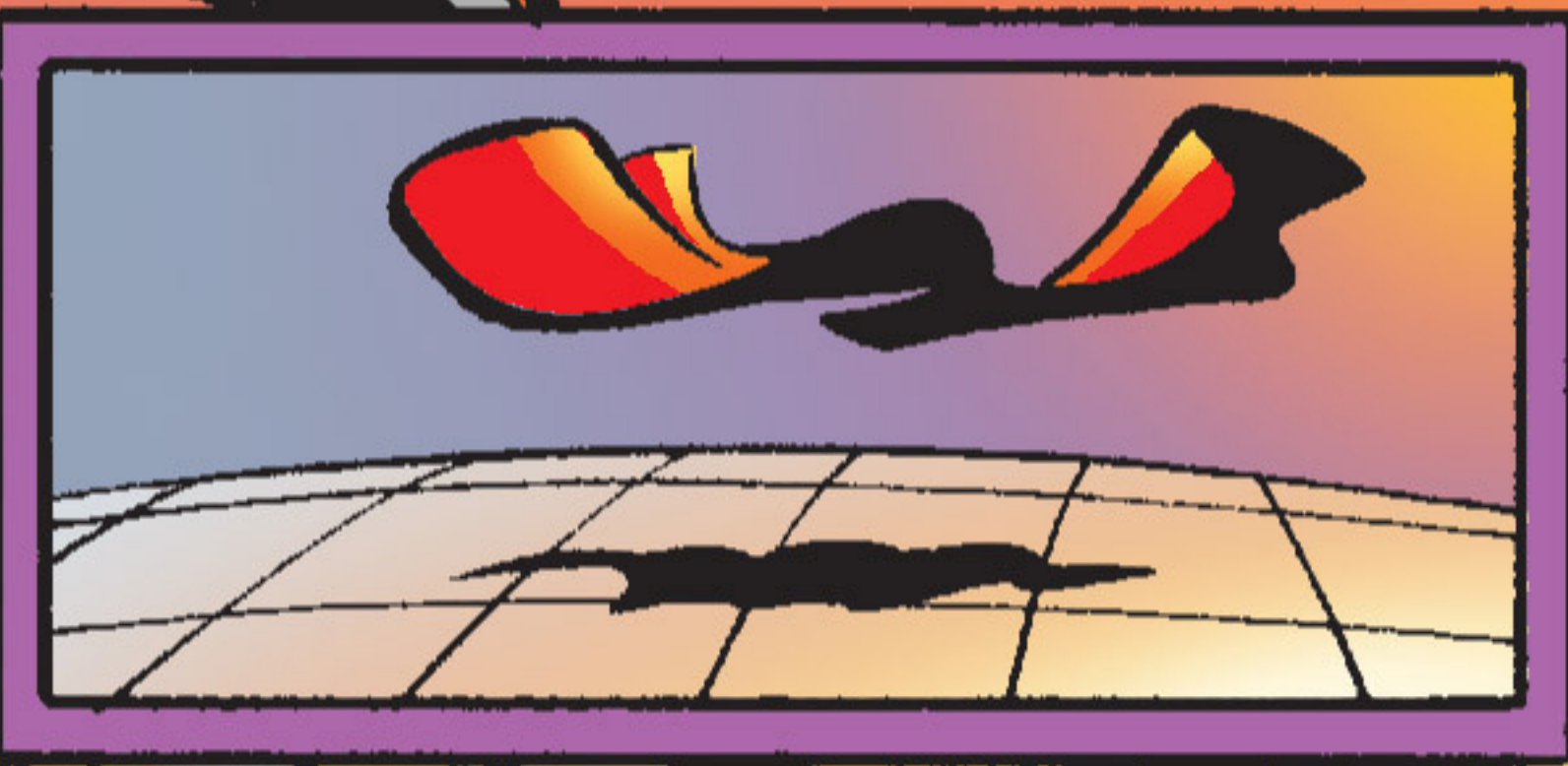
NOW THAT SALLY'S SAFE--BATTLE ROYAL TIME!

UM...

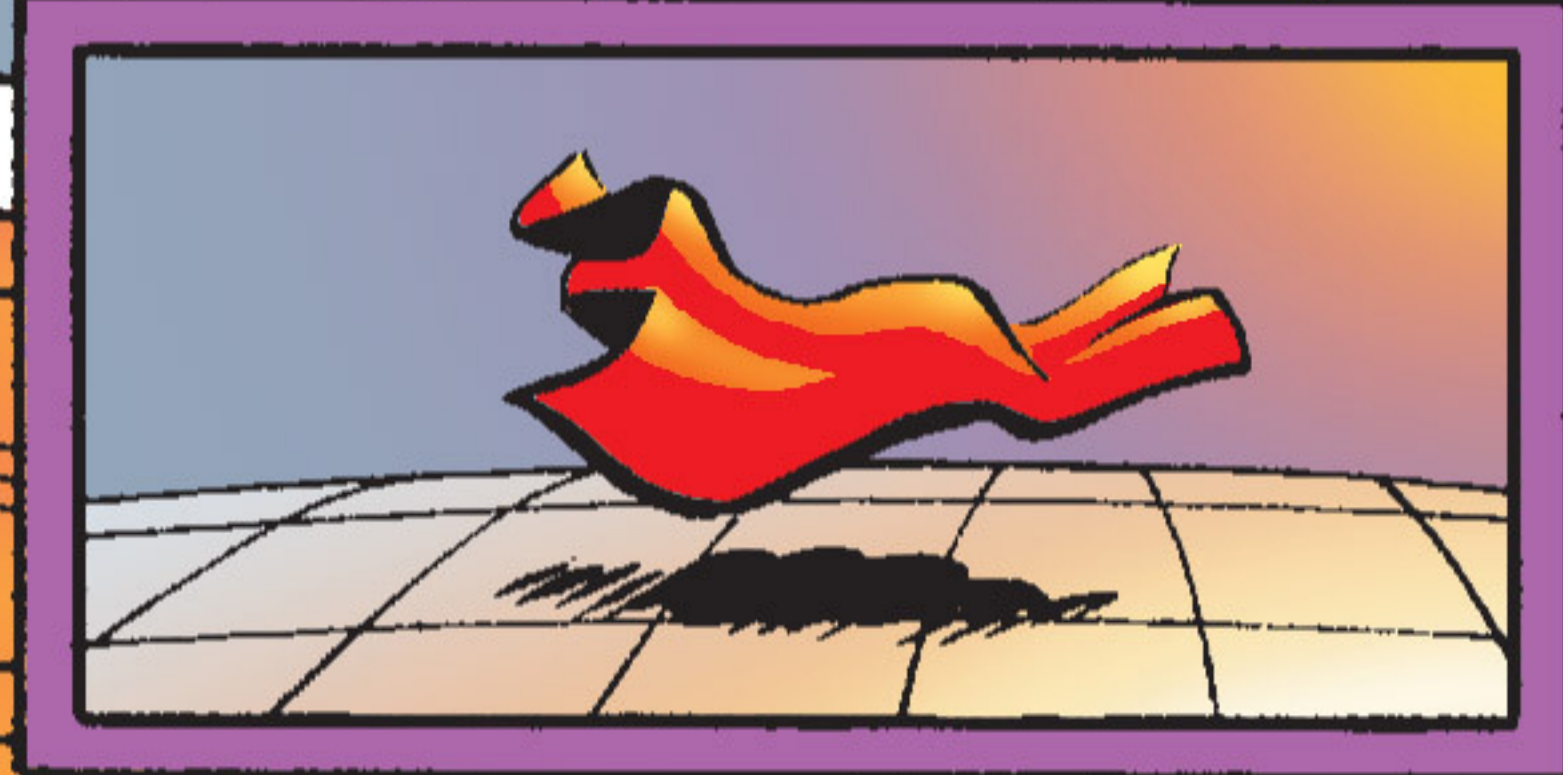
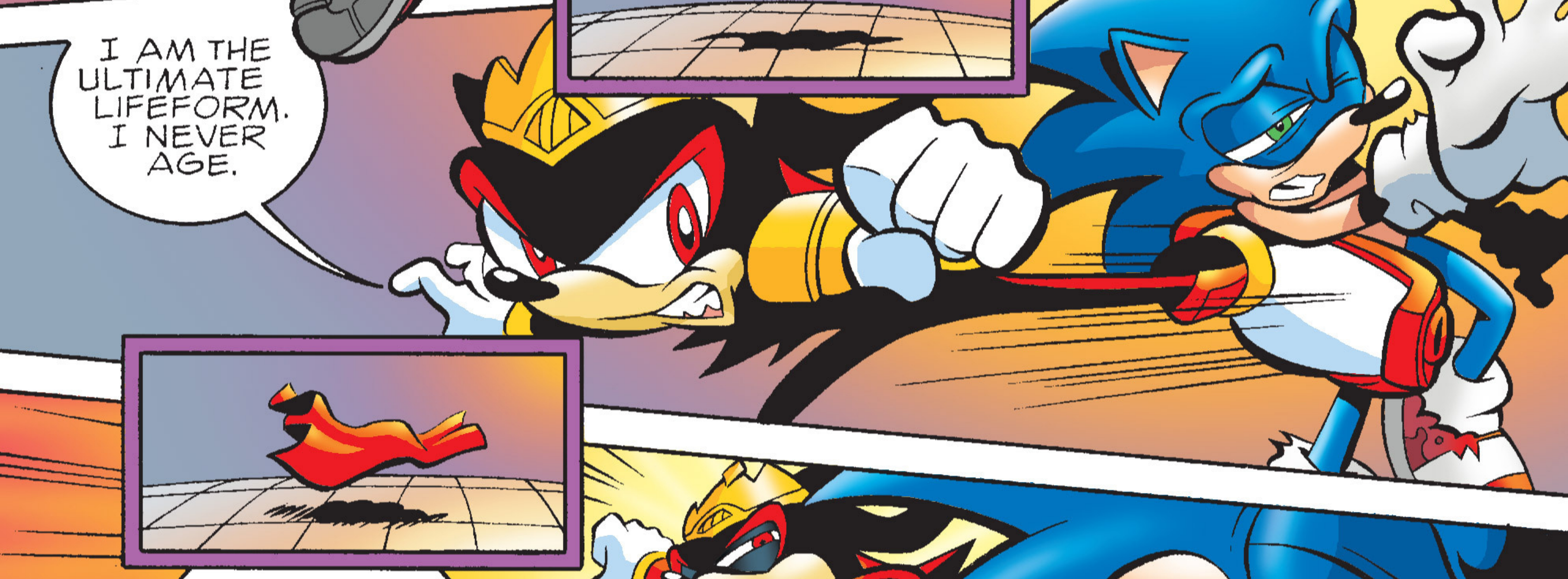




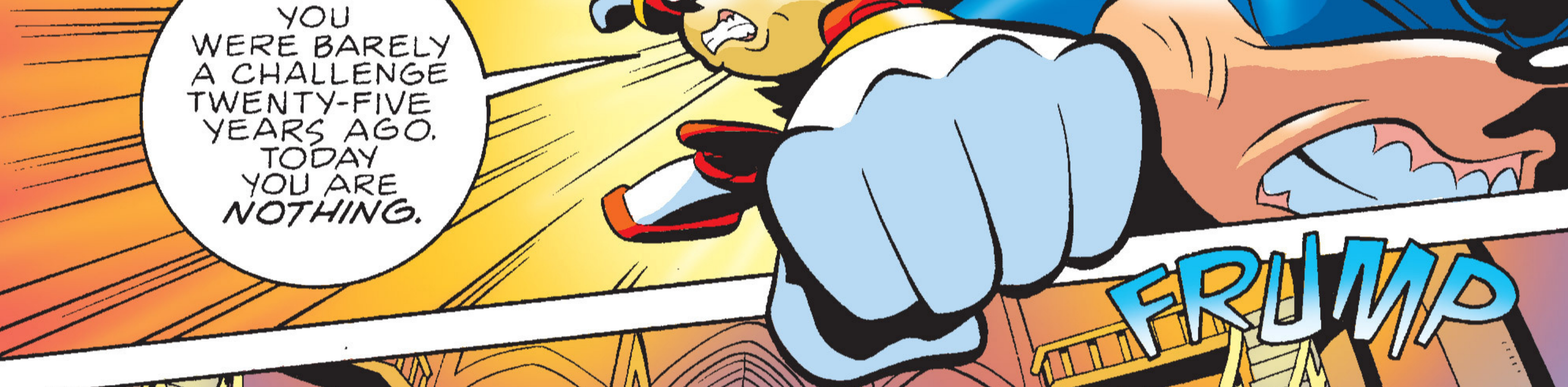
YOU ARE OLD PAST YOUR PRIME.



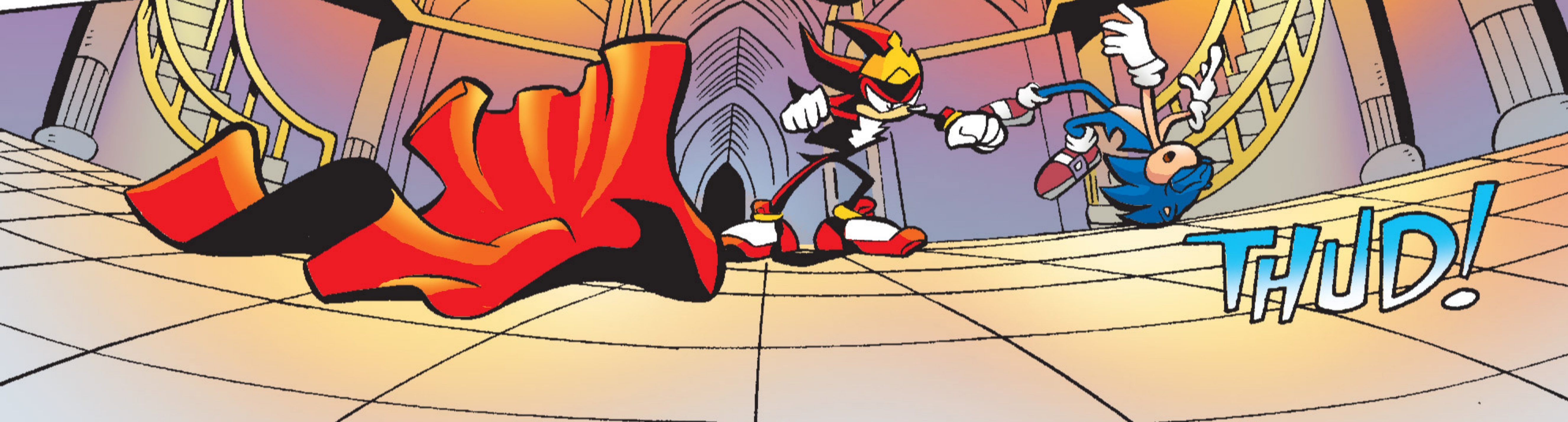
I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. I NEVER AGE.



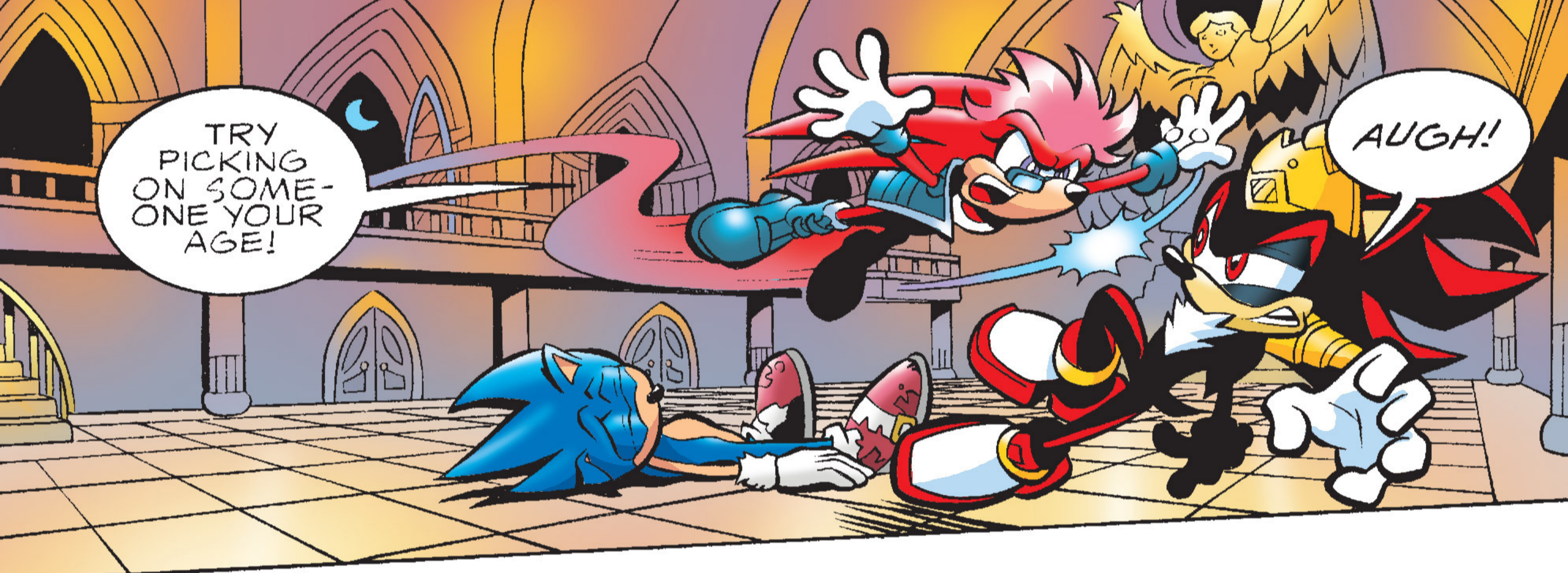
YOU WERE BARELY A CHALLENGE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. TODAY YOU ARE NOTHING.



FRUMP



THUD!



TRY PICKING ON SOMEONE YOUR AGE!

AUGH!



YOU ARE WHAT PASSES FOR A CAVALRY?

I'M TOPS IN MY CLASS, IF THAT COUNTS FOR ANYTHING.



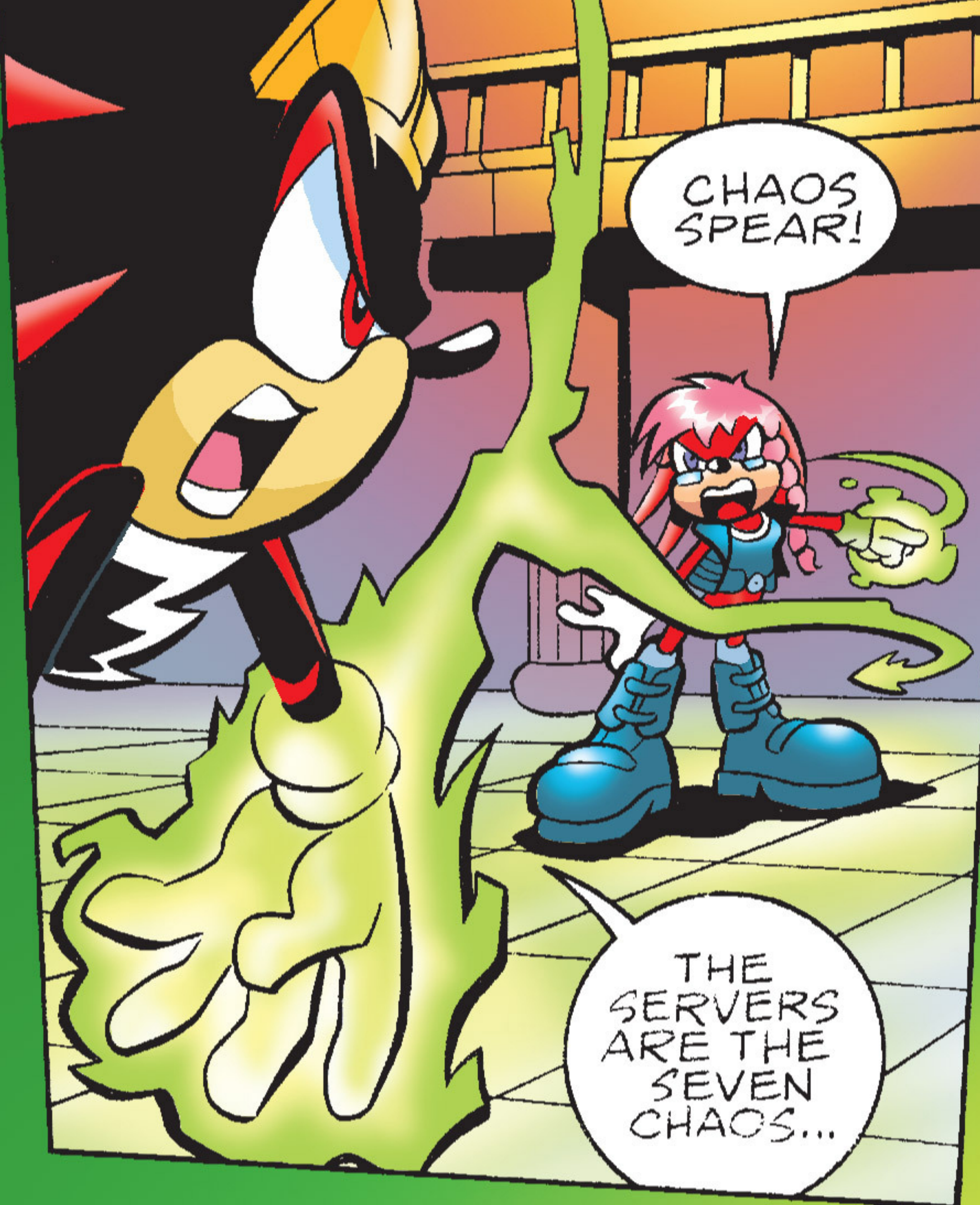
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ULTIMATE LIFEFORM? SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE BEATEN ME BY NOW?

YOU HAVE YOUR FATHER'S ARROGANCE...



...BUT I CONTROL THE POWER OF CHAOS.

JOIN THE CLUB.



CHAOS SPEAR!

THE SERVERS ARE THE SEVEN CHAOS...



CHAOS SPEAR!

CHAOS IS POWER ENRICHED BY THE HEART!



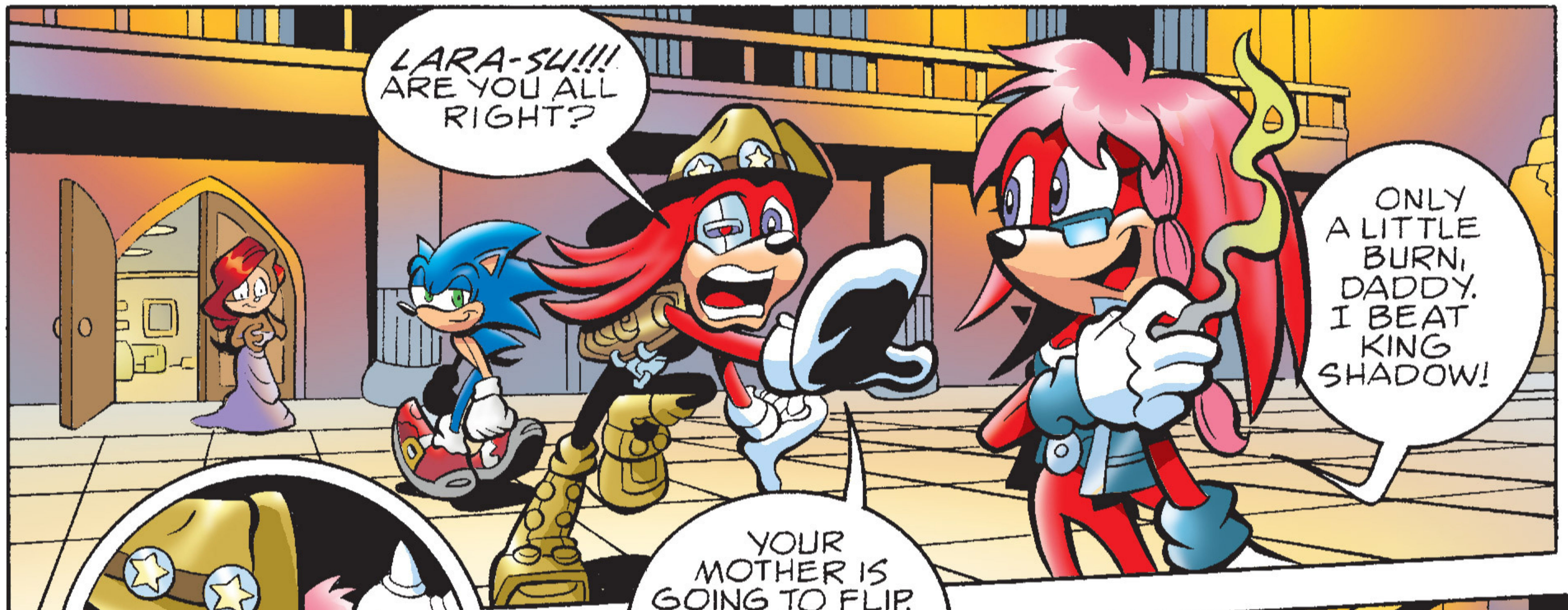
AARGH...!

NNGH! CHAOS CONTROL!



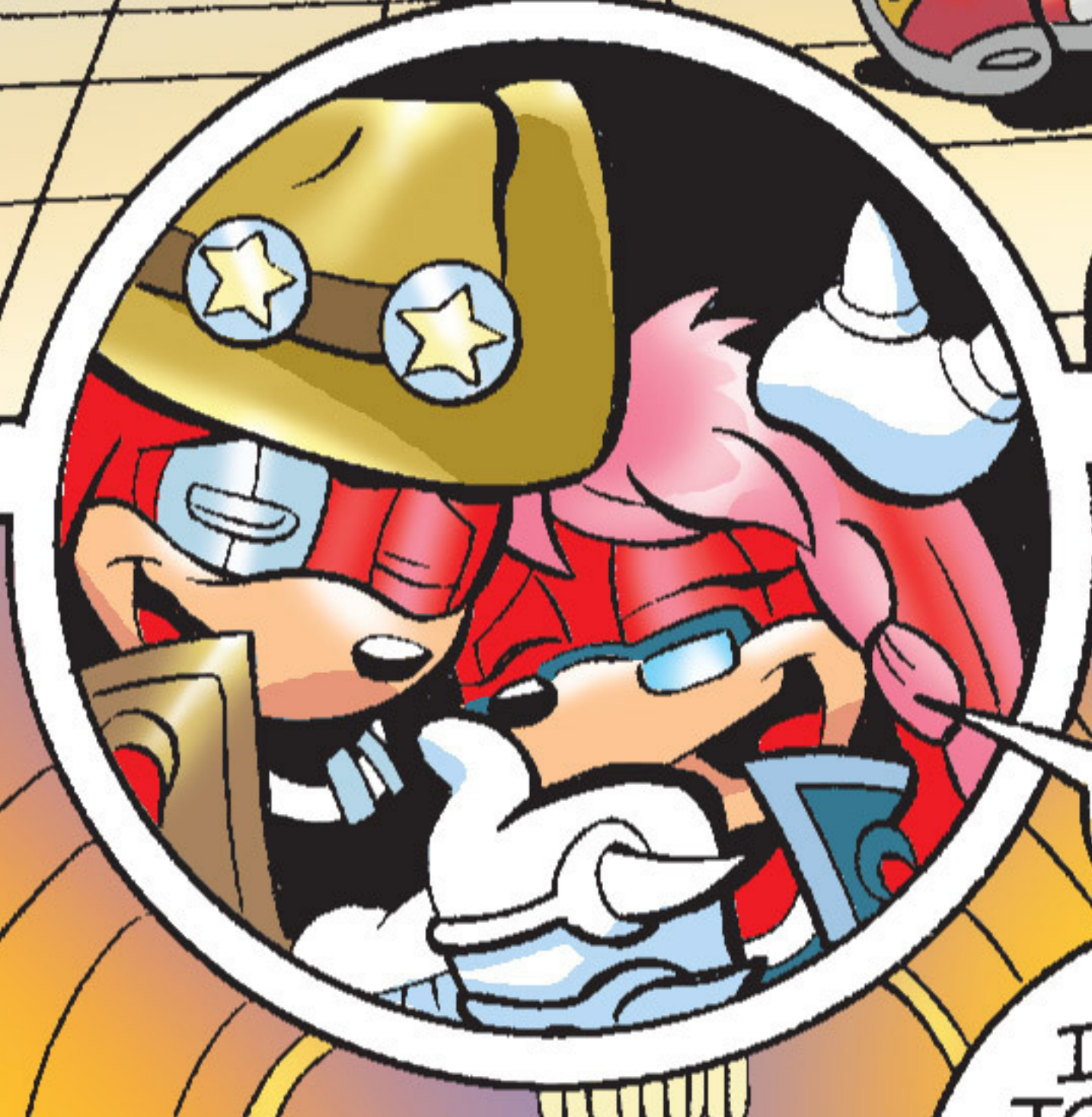
WAY TO GO, LARA-SU. HOW LONG WILL THAT LAST?

I'M NOT SURE... BUT I DON'T THINK MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDKIDS WILL HAVE TO WORRY.



LARA-SU!!!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?

ONLY
A LITTLE
BURN,
DADDY.
I BEAT
KING
SHADOW!

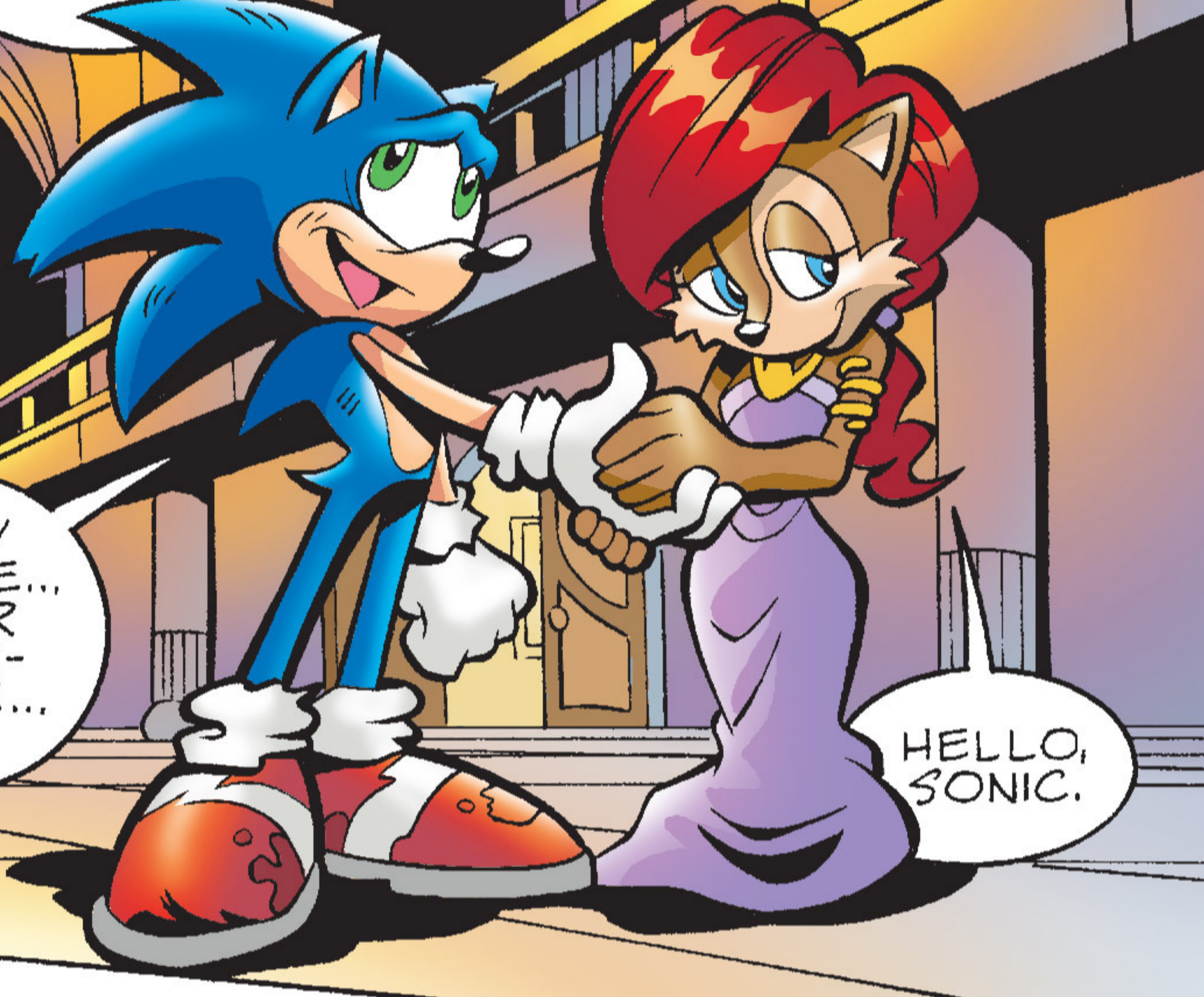


YOUR
MOTHER IS
GOING TO FLIP.
BUT SHE WILL
BE SO PROUD.
YOU'VE BEEN
AMAZING.

THANKS,
DADDY.

I ALREADY
TOOK CARE
OF HIM.
WEREN'T YOU
THAT FAST
AT MY
AGE?

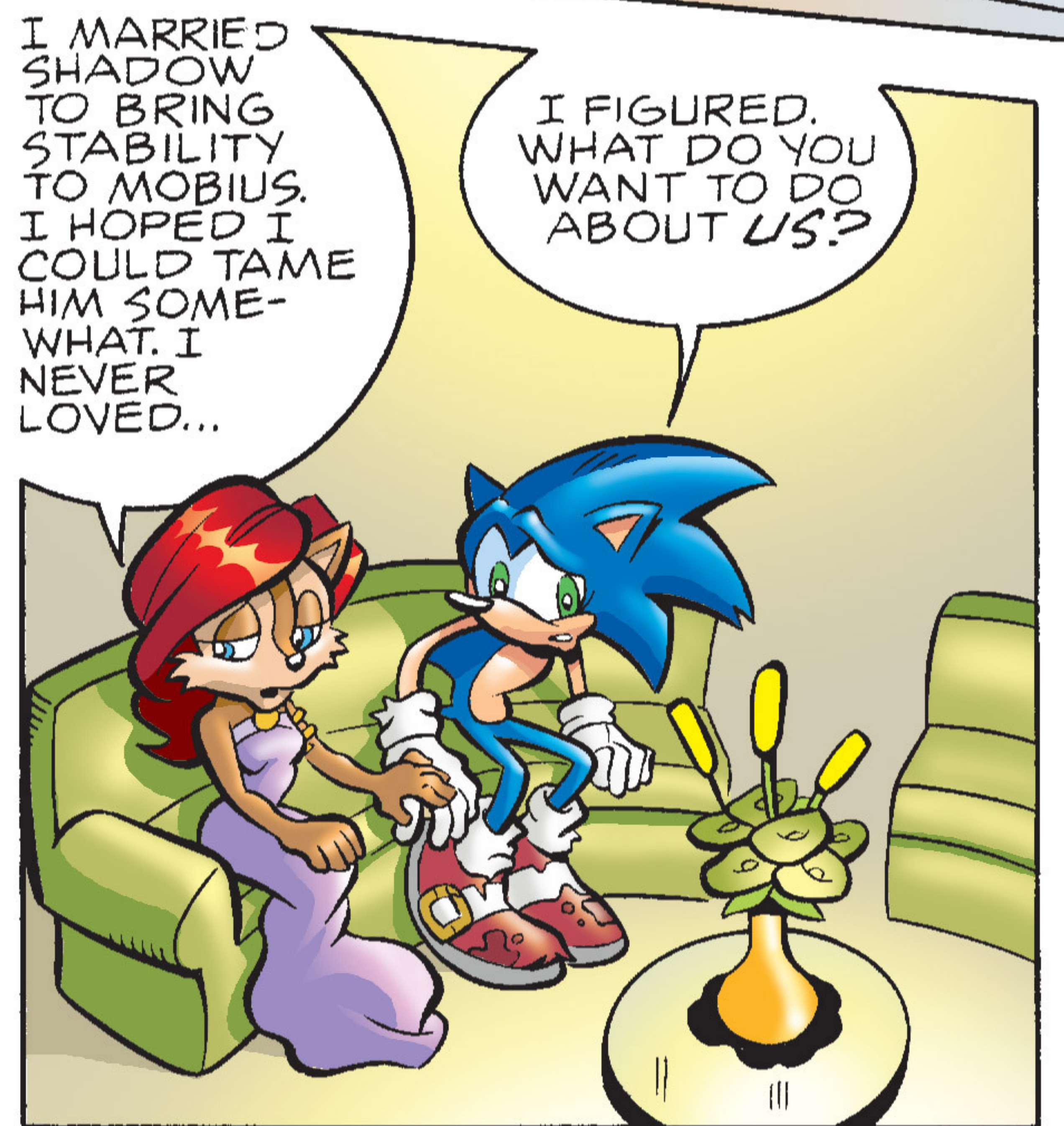
HEY
THERE...
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS...



HELLO,
SONIC.



KNUCKLES
EXPLAINED
EVERYTHING
TO ME. AS
FANTASTIC
AS IT
SOUNDS...IT
FEELS
RIGHT. I
KNEW
SOMETHING
WAS
WRONG
FOR
ALL
THESE
YEARS,
BUT
WAS
NEVER
SURE
WHAT.



I MARRIED
SHADOW
TO BRING
STABILITY
TO MOBIUS.
I HOPED I
COULD TAME
HIM SOME-
WHAT. I
NEVER
LOVED...

I FIGURED.
WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO DO
ABOUT US?>

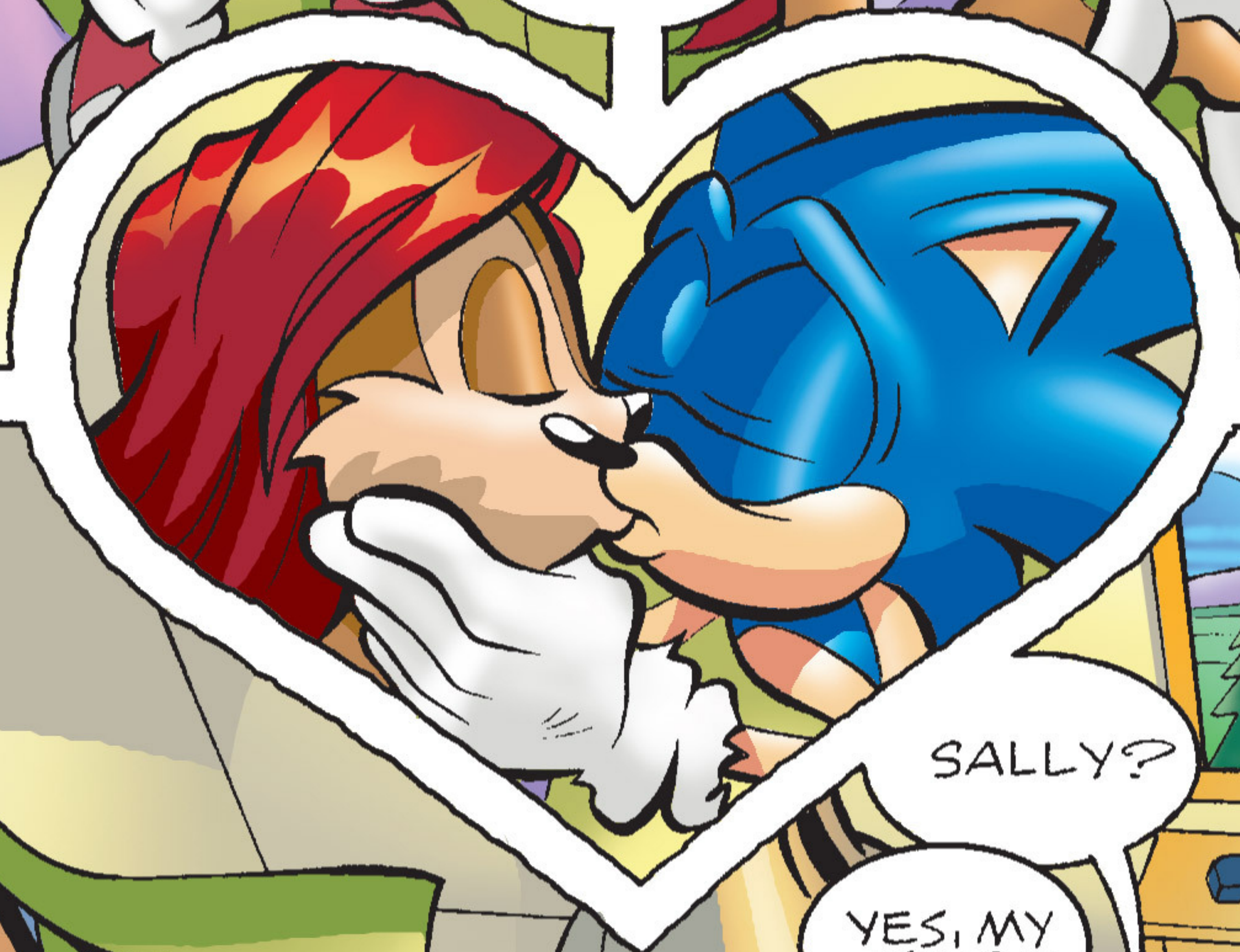
I REMEMBER A YOUNG LOVE LONG AGO. I ALSO REMEMBER SOME TIME APART.

YEAH, WE WORKED THROUGH IT, THOUGH.

I THINK SO. THERE'S SOMETHING BETWEEN US. AND MY PEOPLE NEED A KING.

COOL.

DO YOU THINK WE CAN WORK TOWARD THAT AGAIN?



SALLY?

YES, MY KING?

I DON'T WANT TO SOUND FORWARD, BUT ...HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF HAVING KIDS?

AS WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THIS SONIC FUTURE EPIC AND LOOK TO THE NEXT SONIC EPIC, ORDER FROM CHAOS! ON SALE IN 4 WEEKS.

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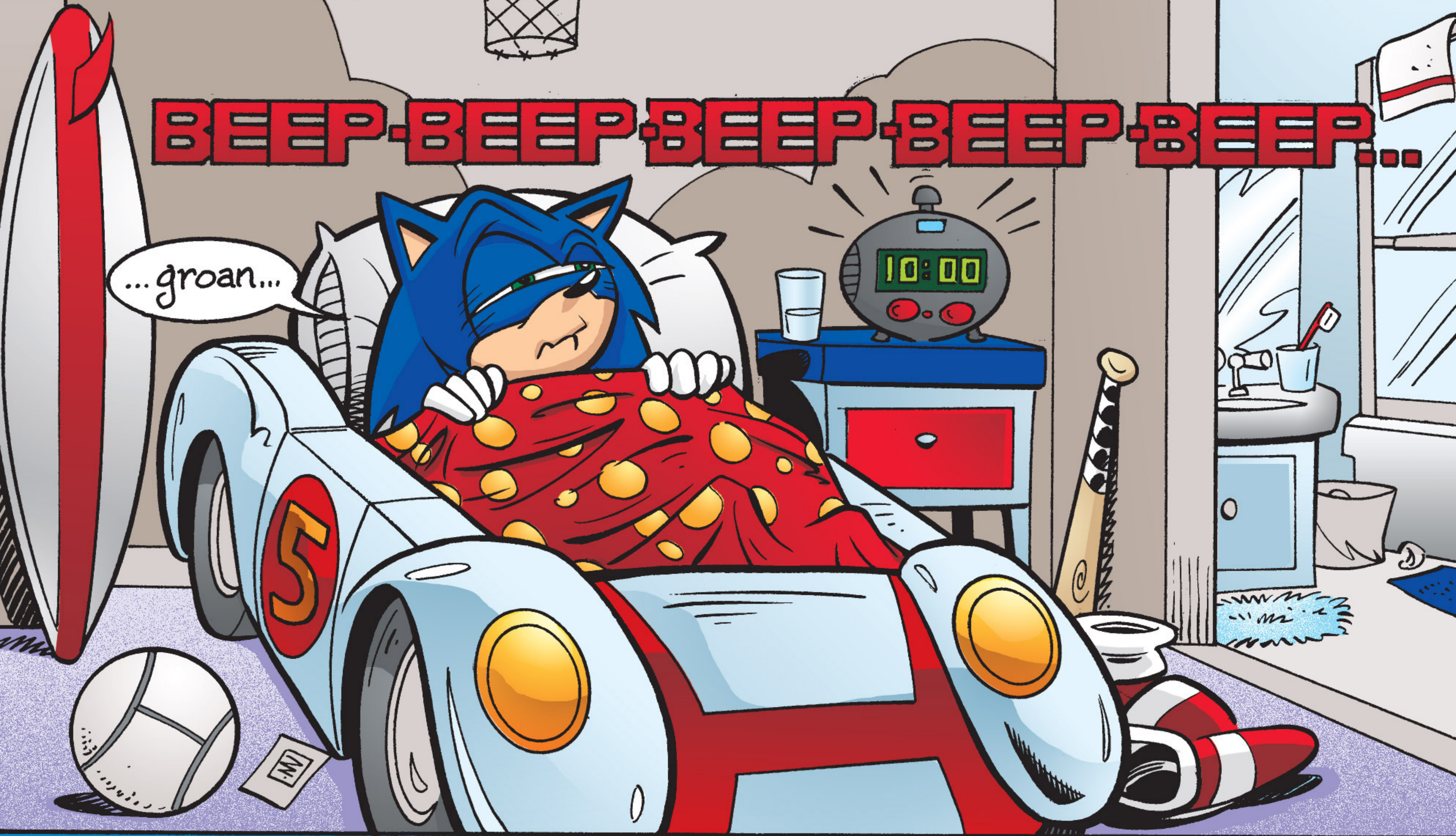
THE HEDGEHOG

Hedgehog Day

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BEEP-BEEP-BEEP-BEEP-BEEP...

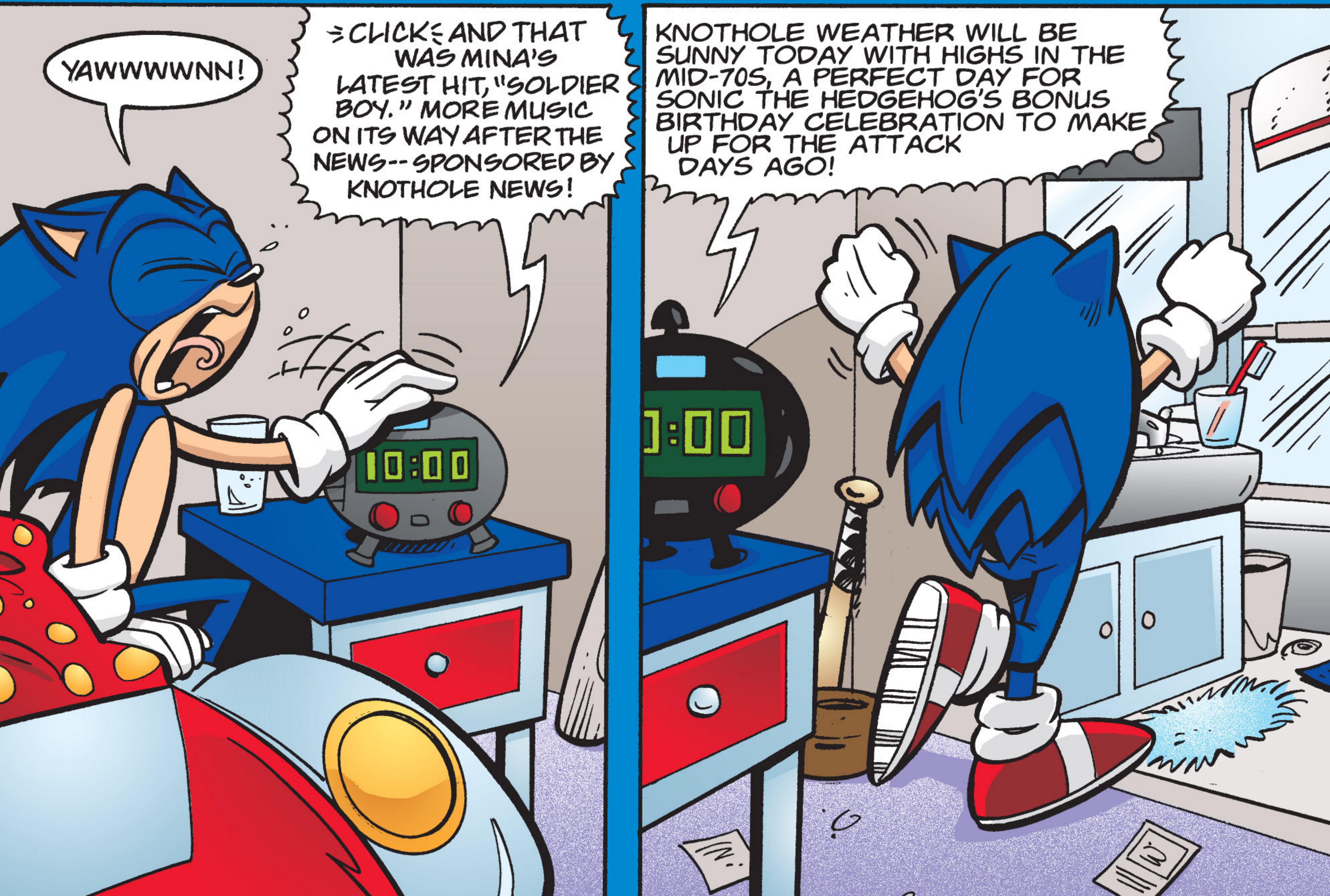
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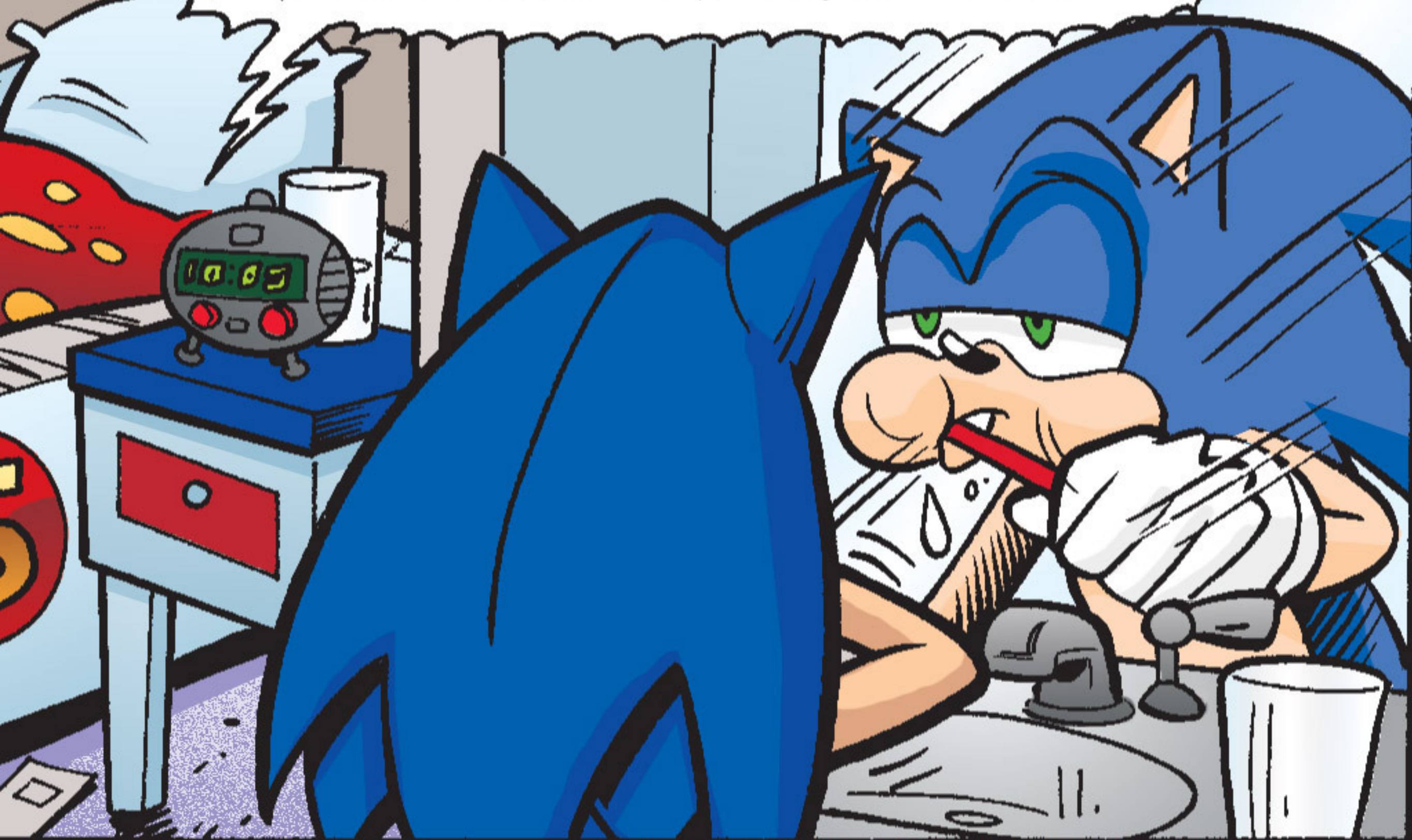
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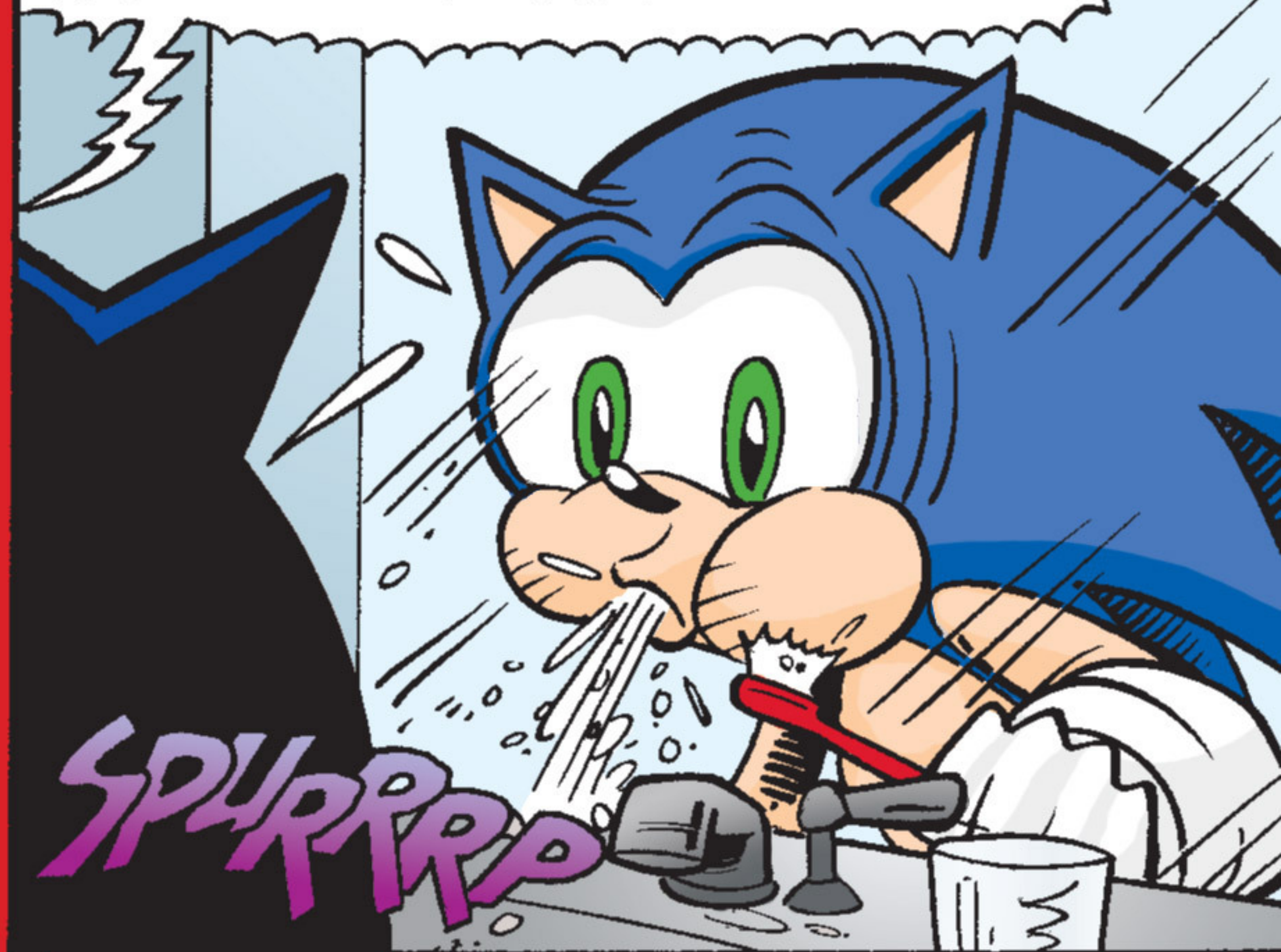
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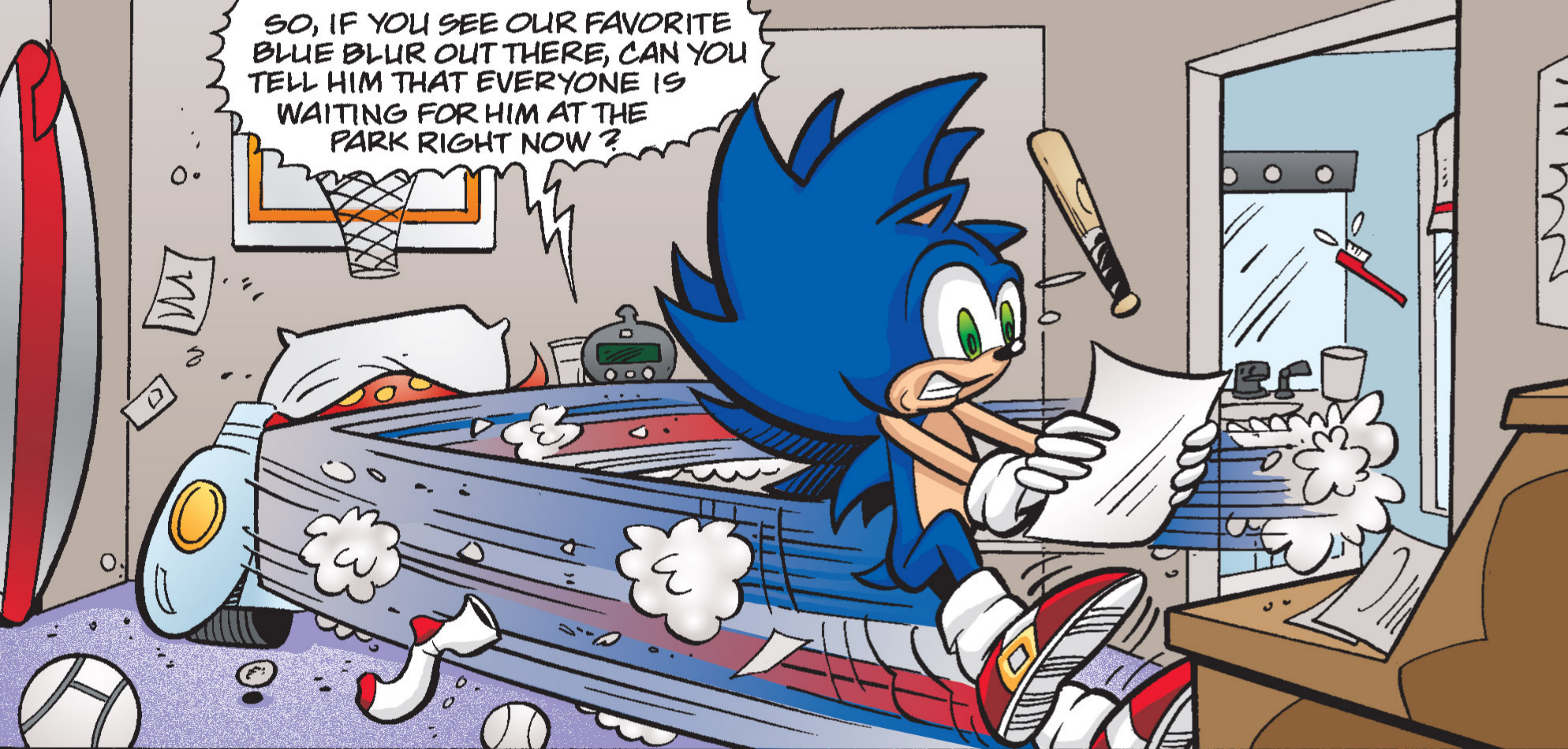
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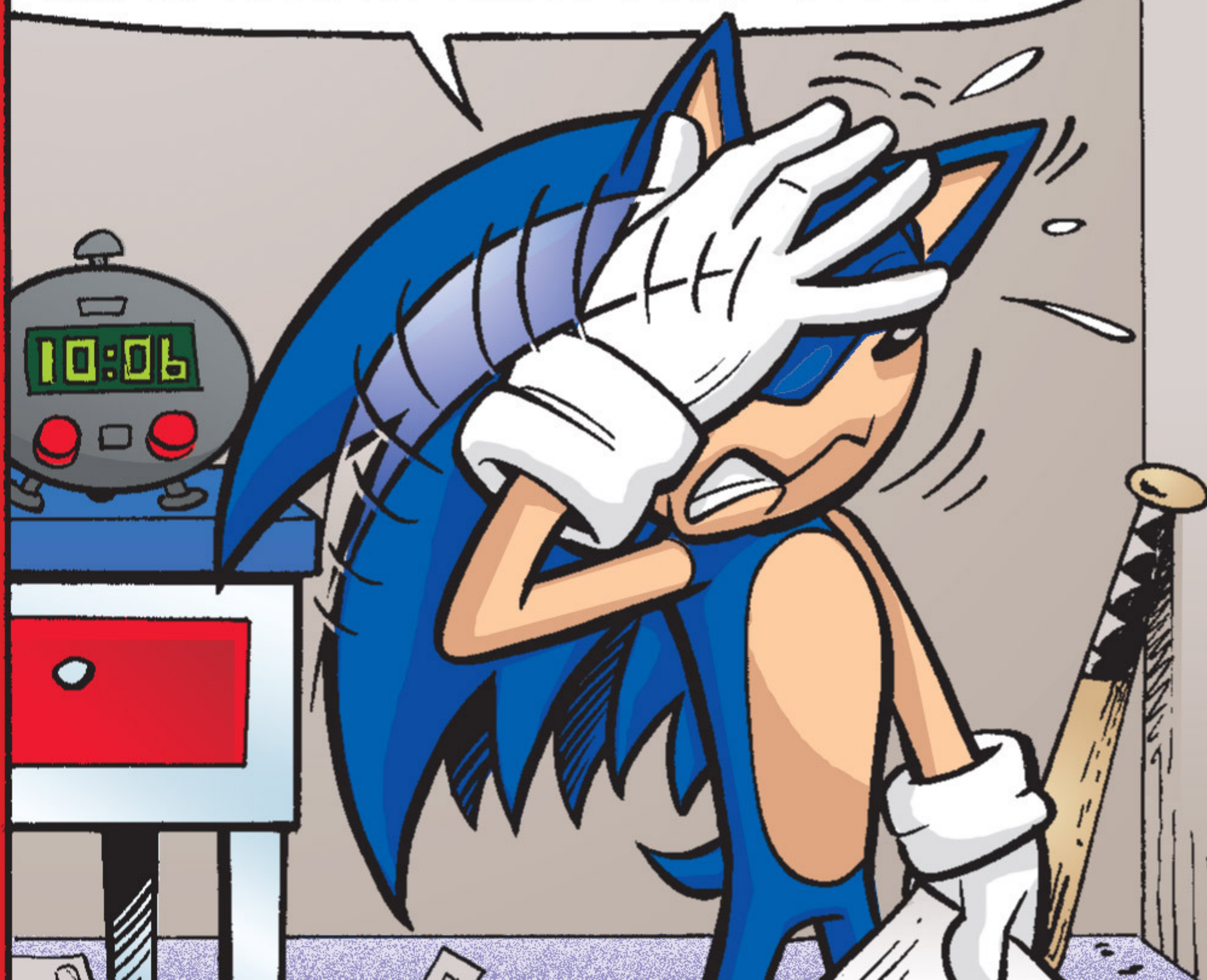
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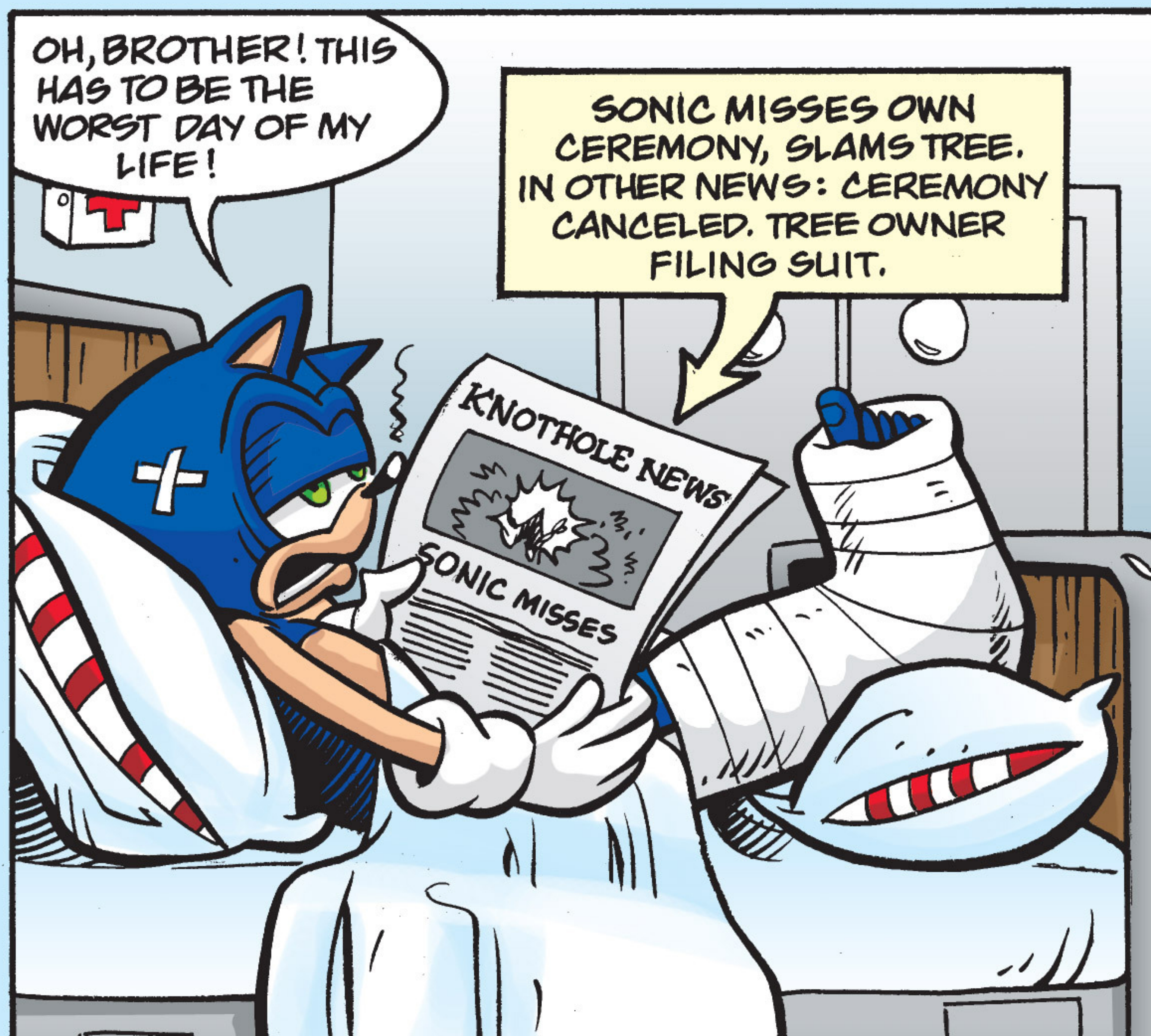
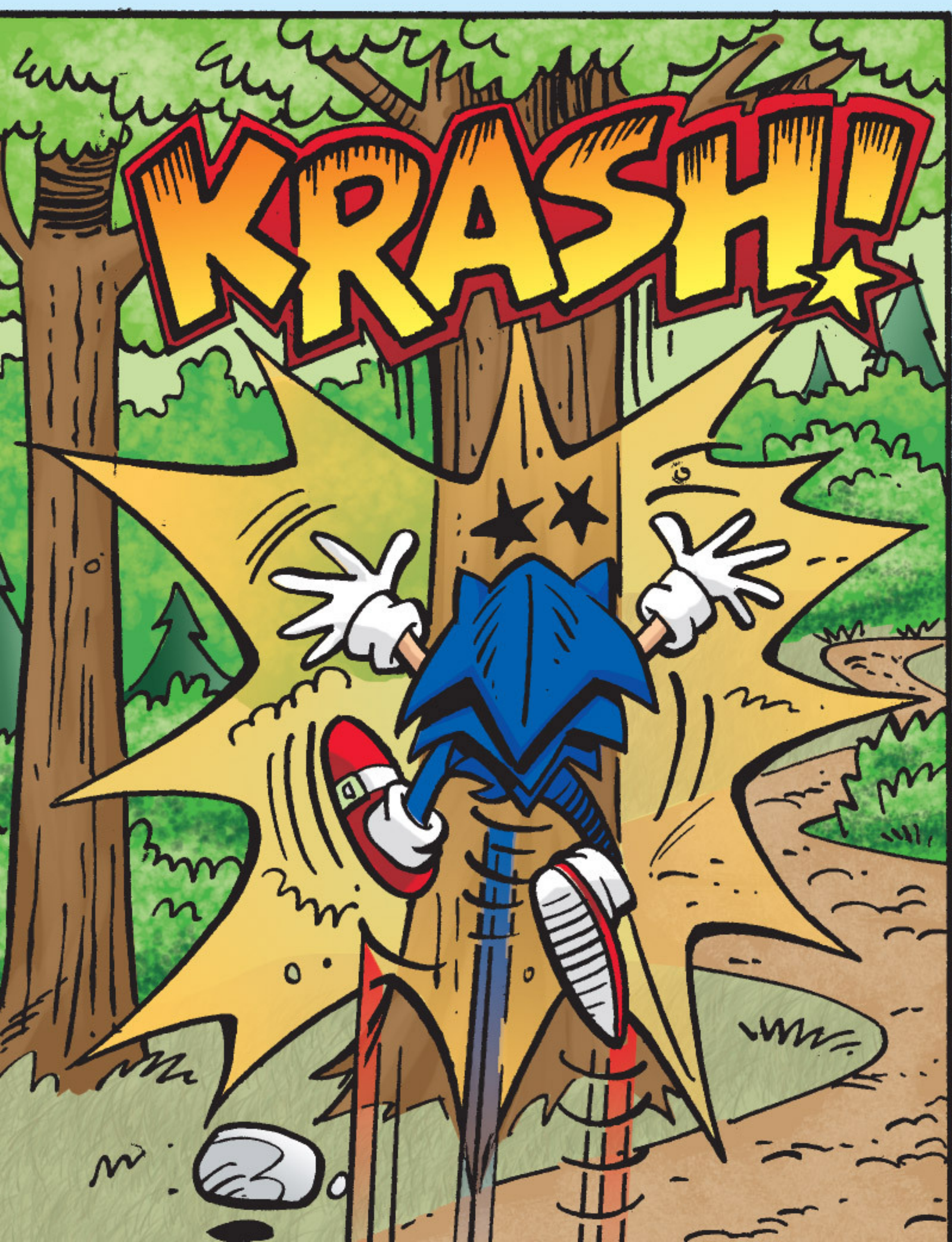
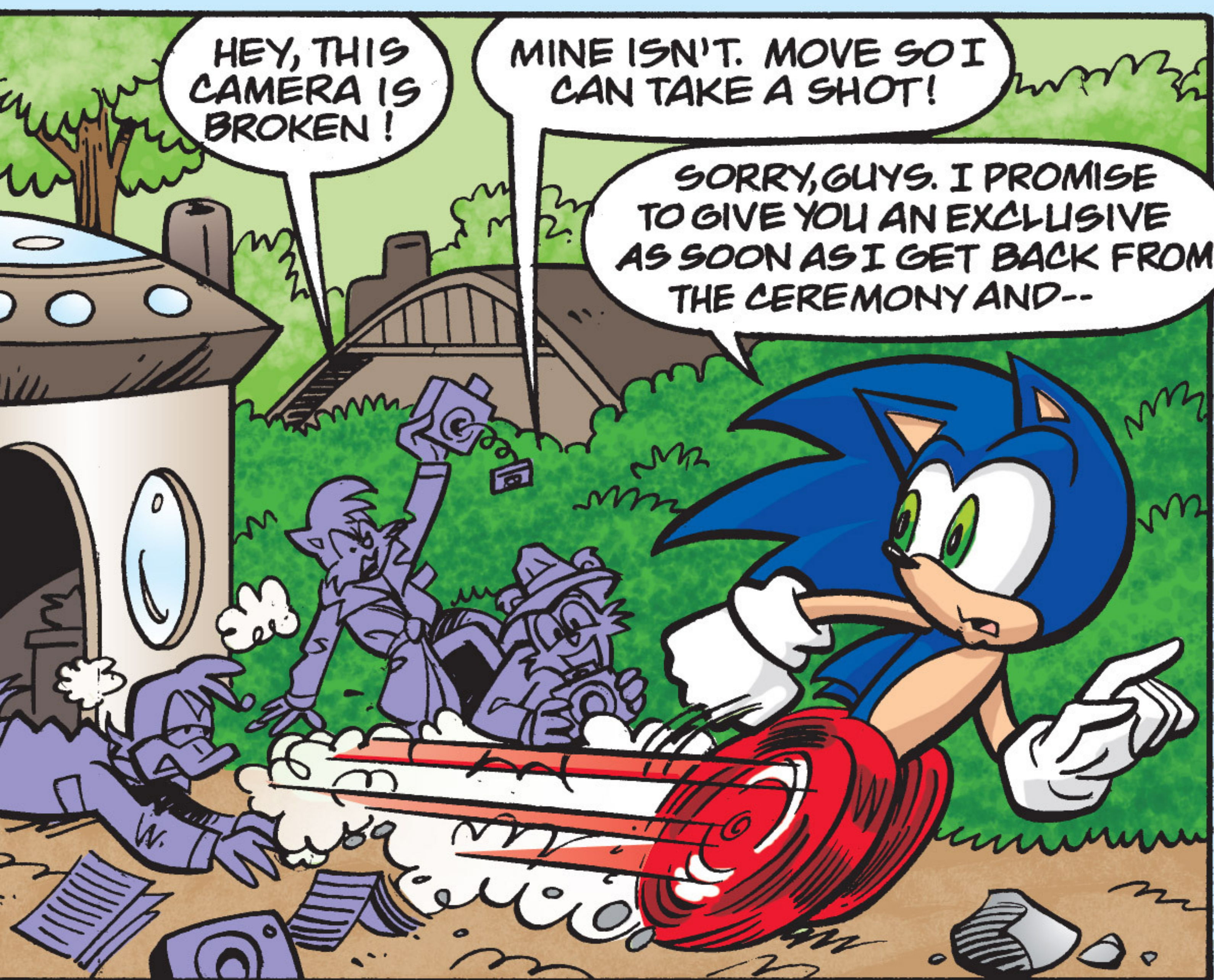
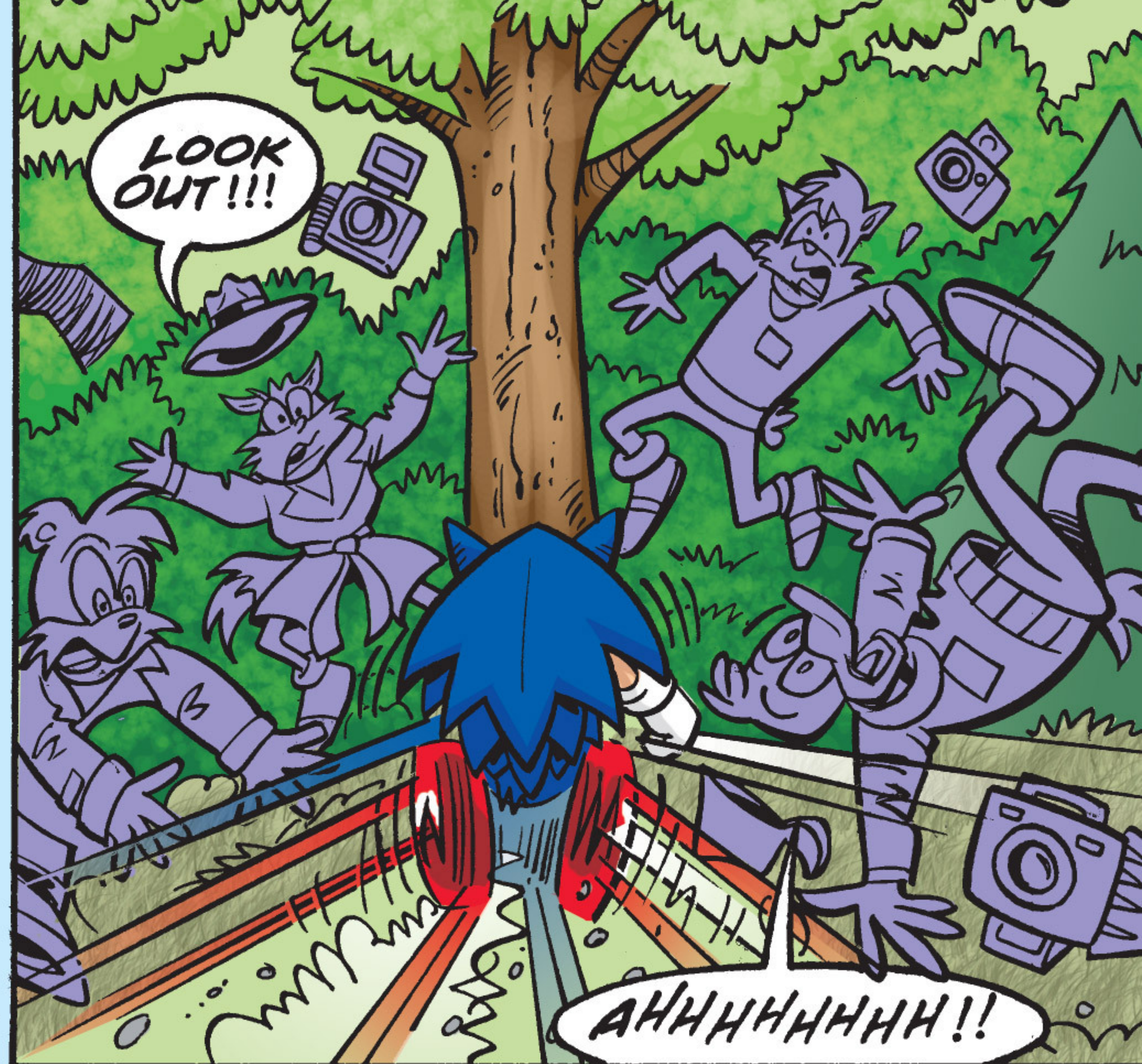
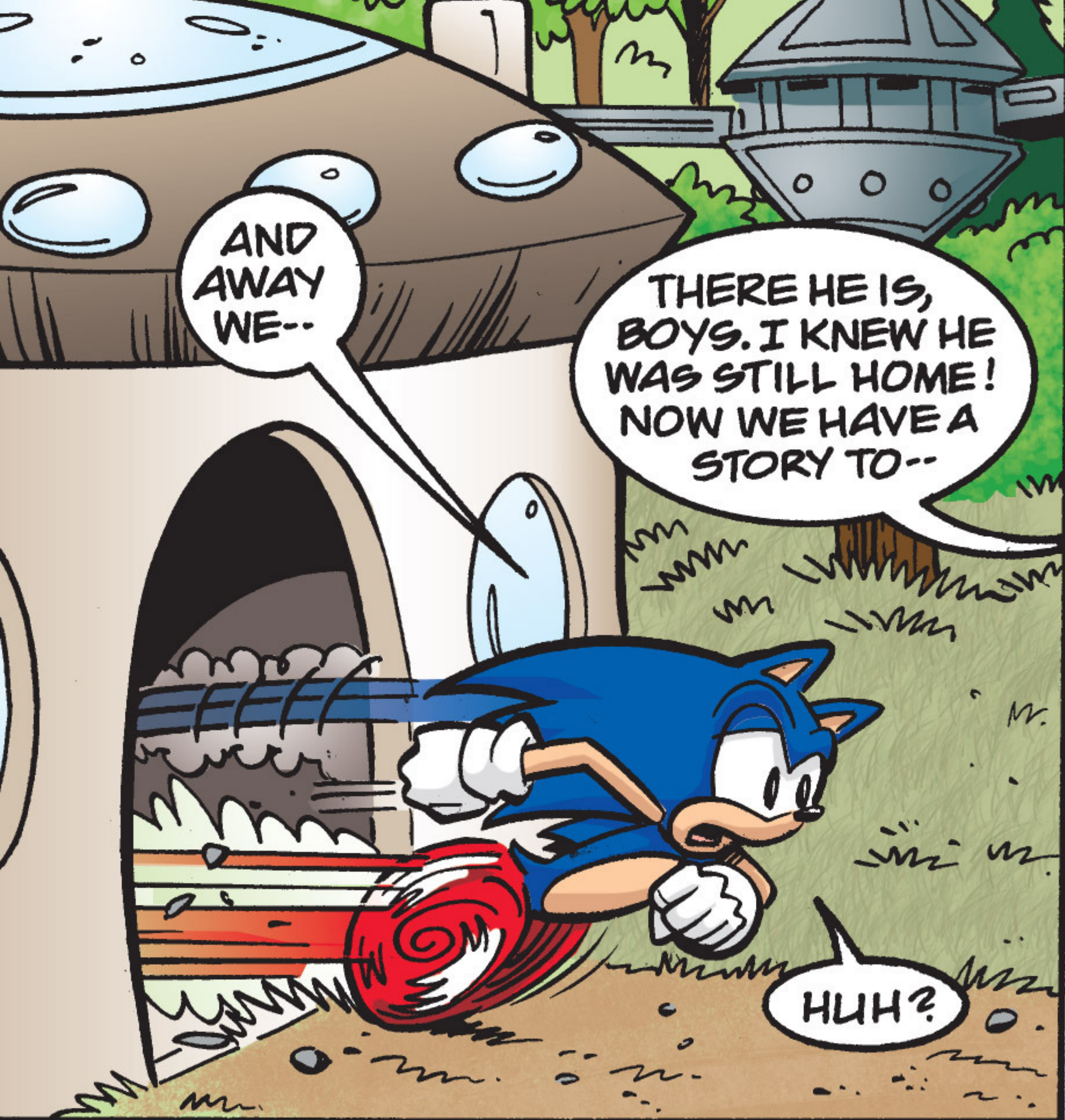


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ENJOY THE CELEBRATION
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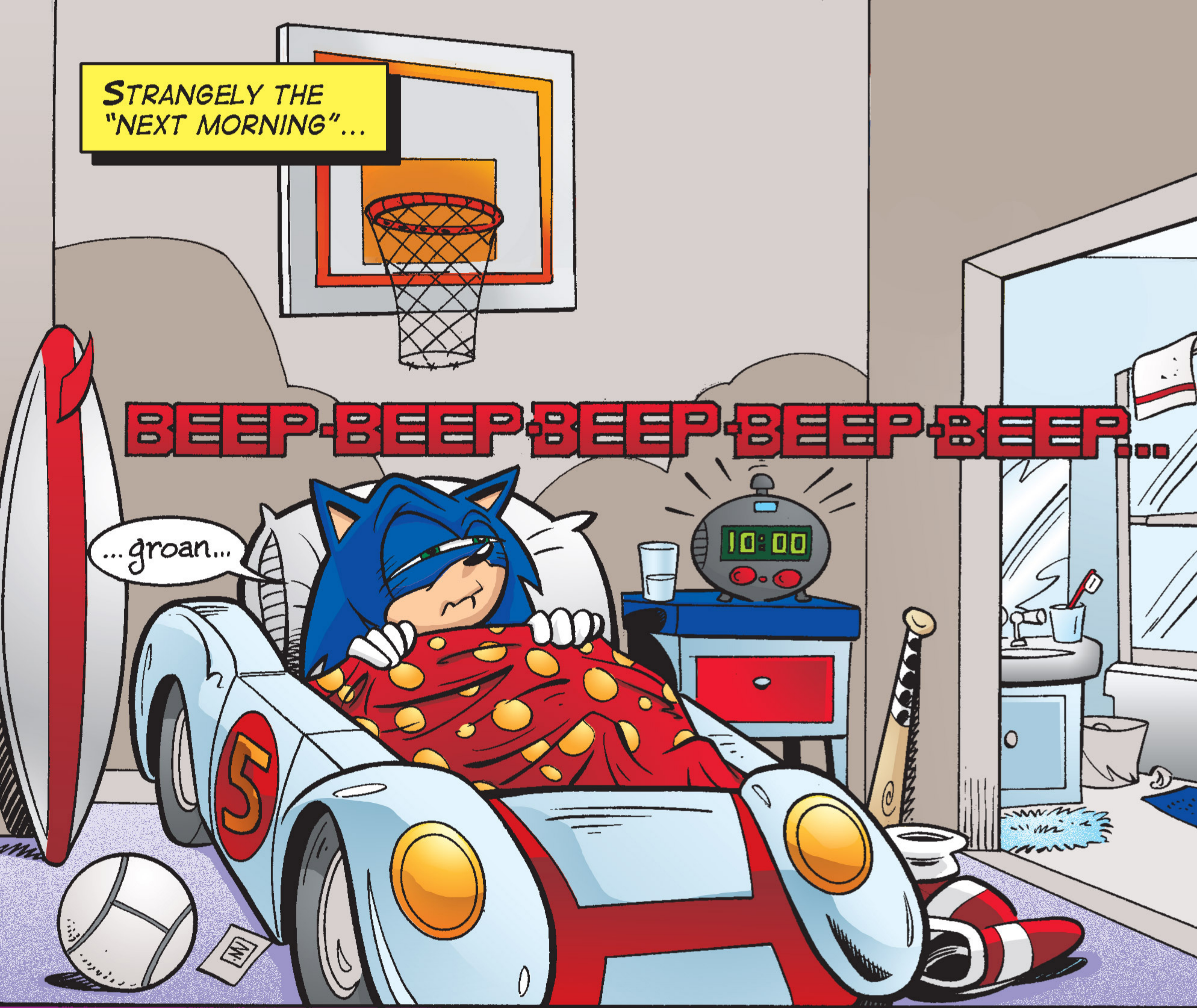




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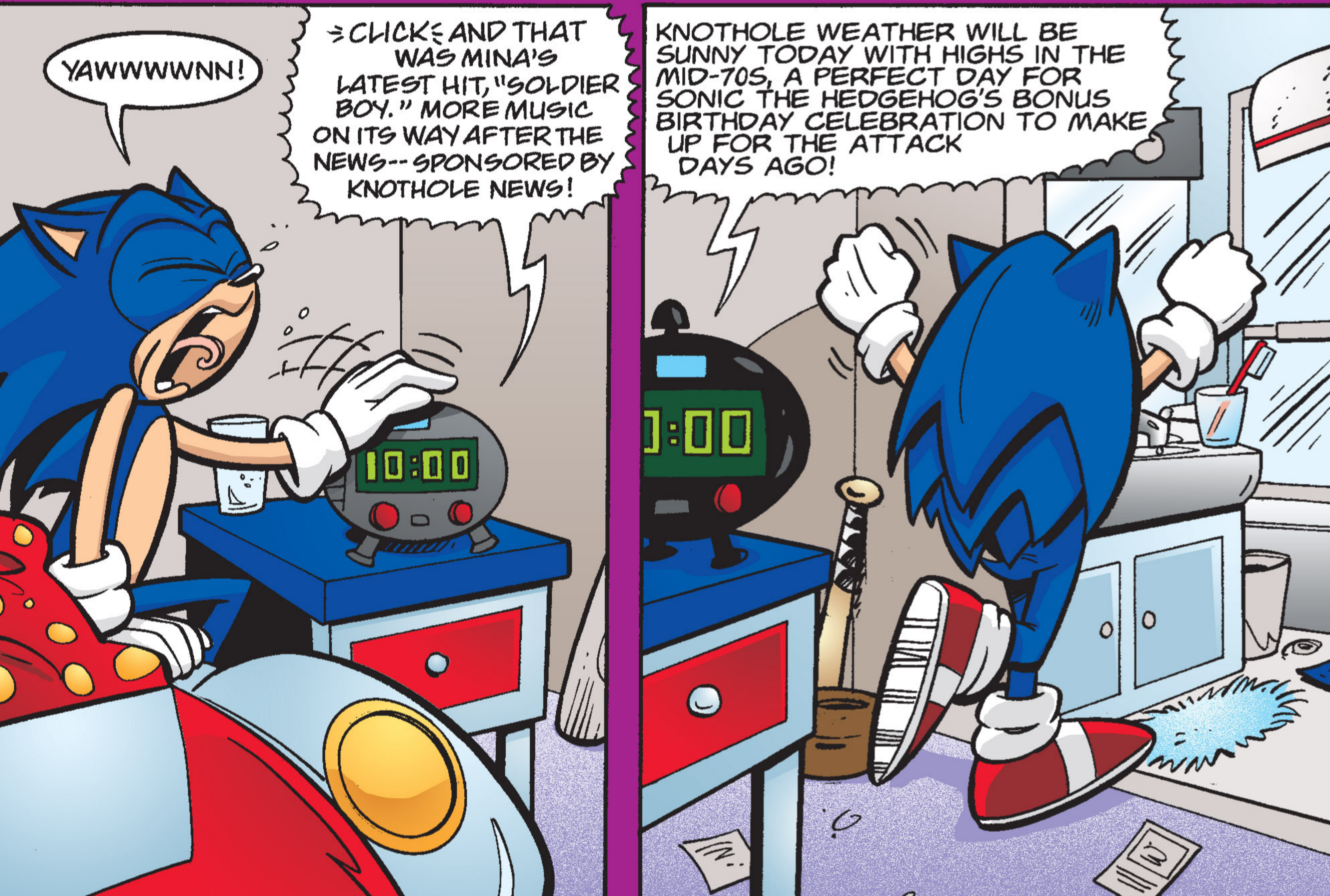
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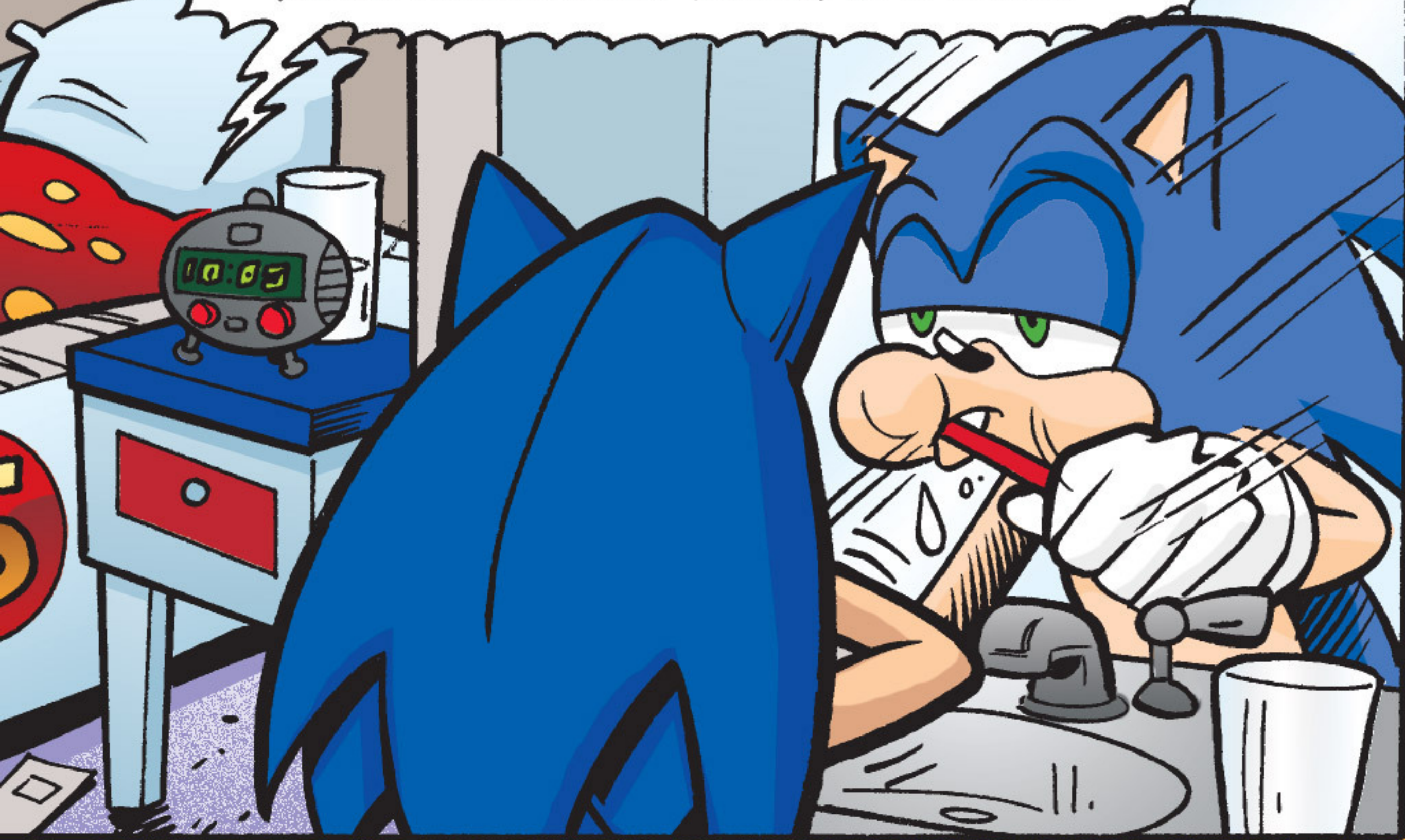
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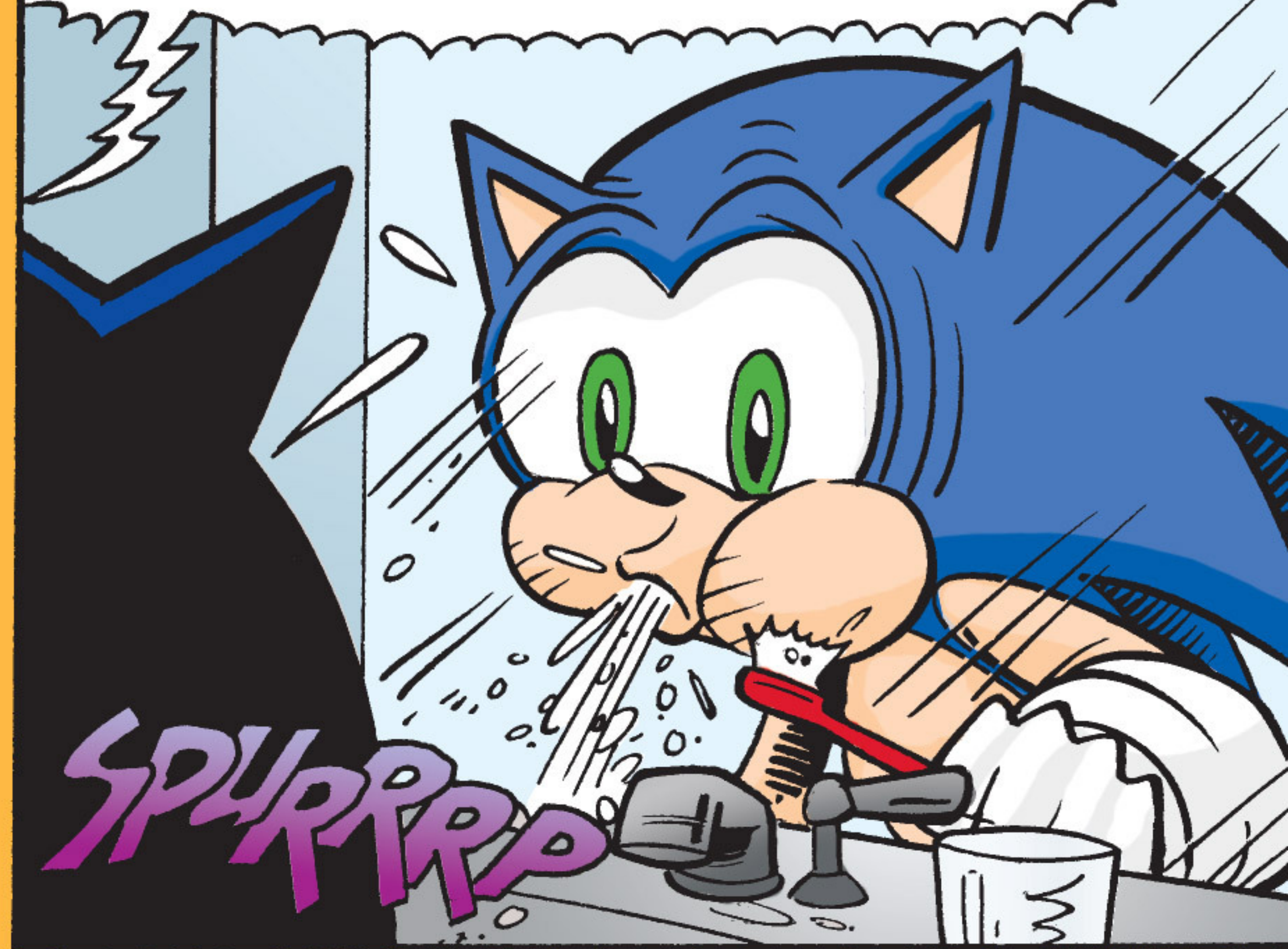
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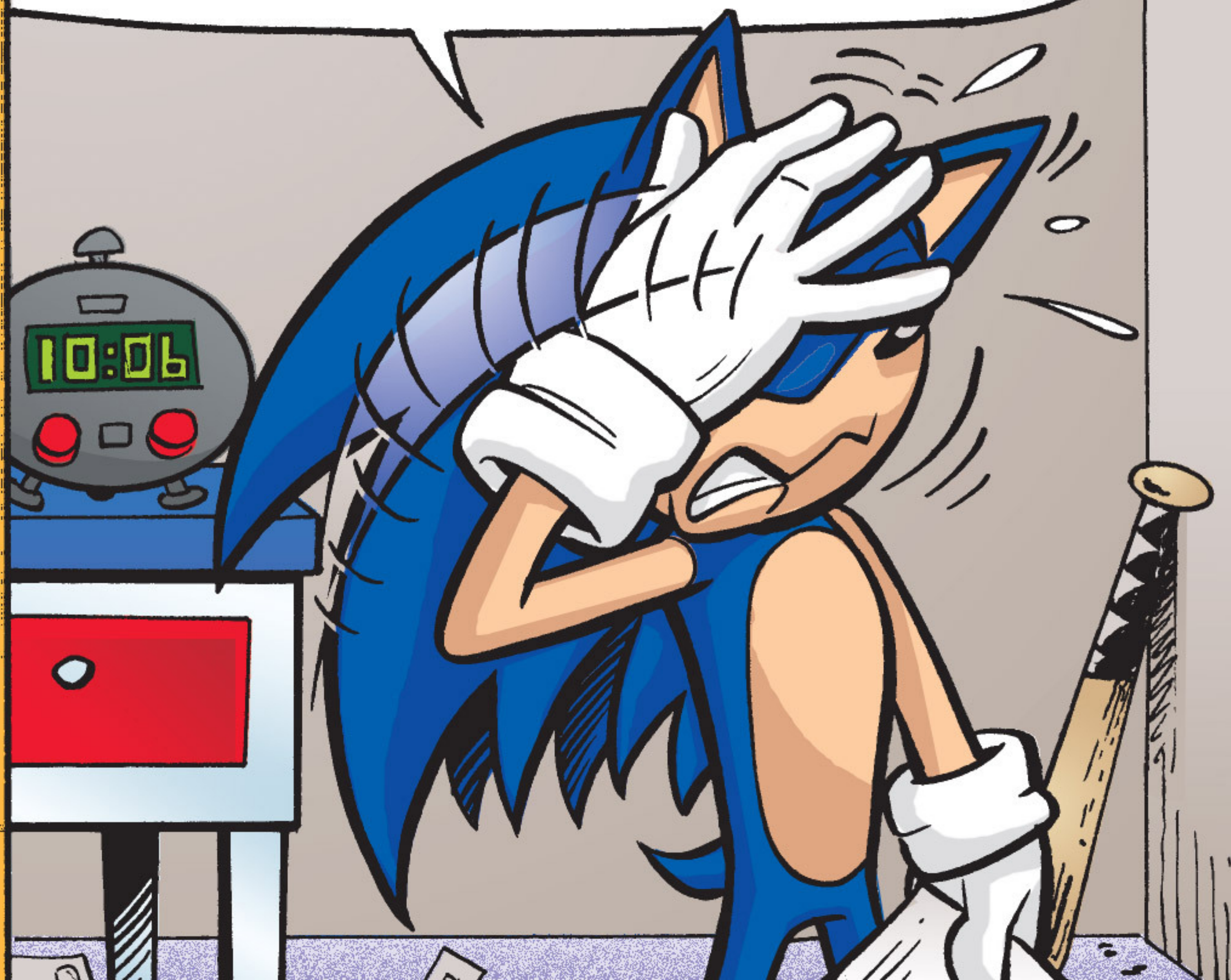
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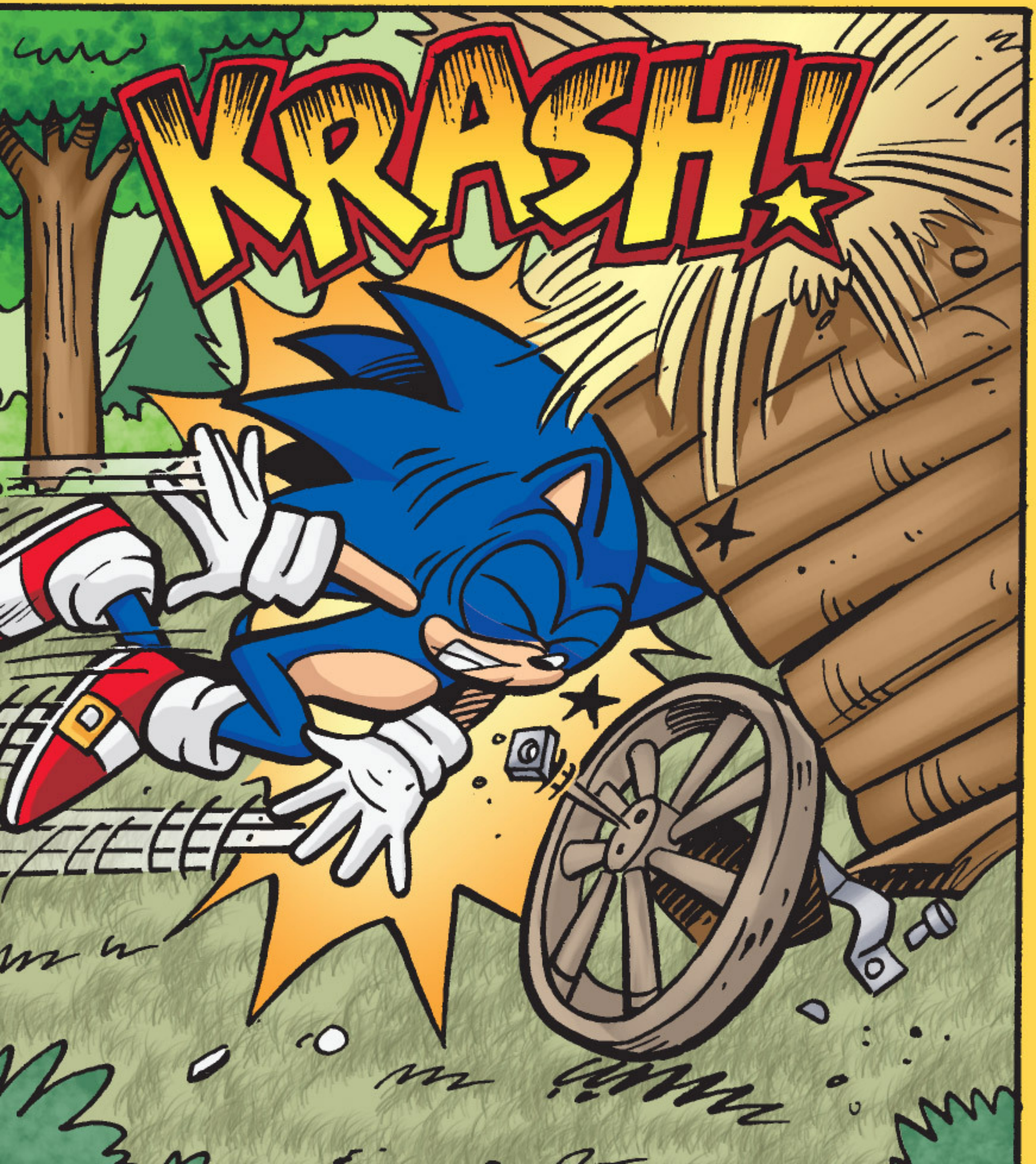
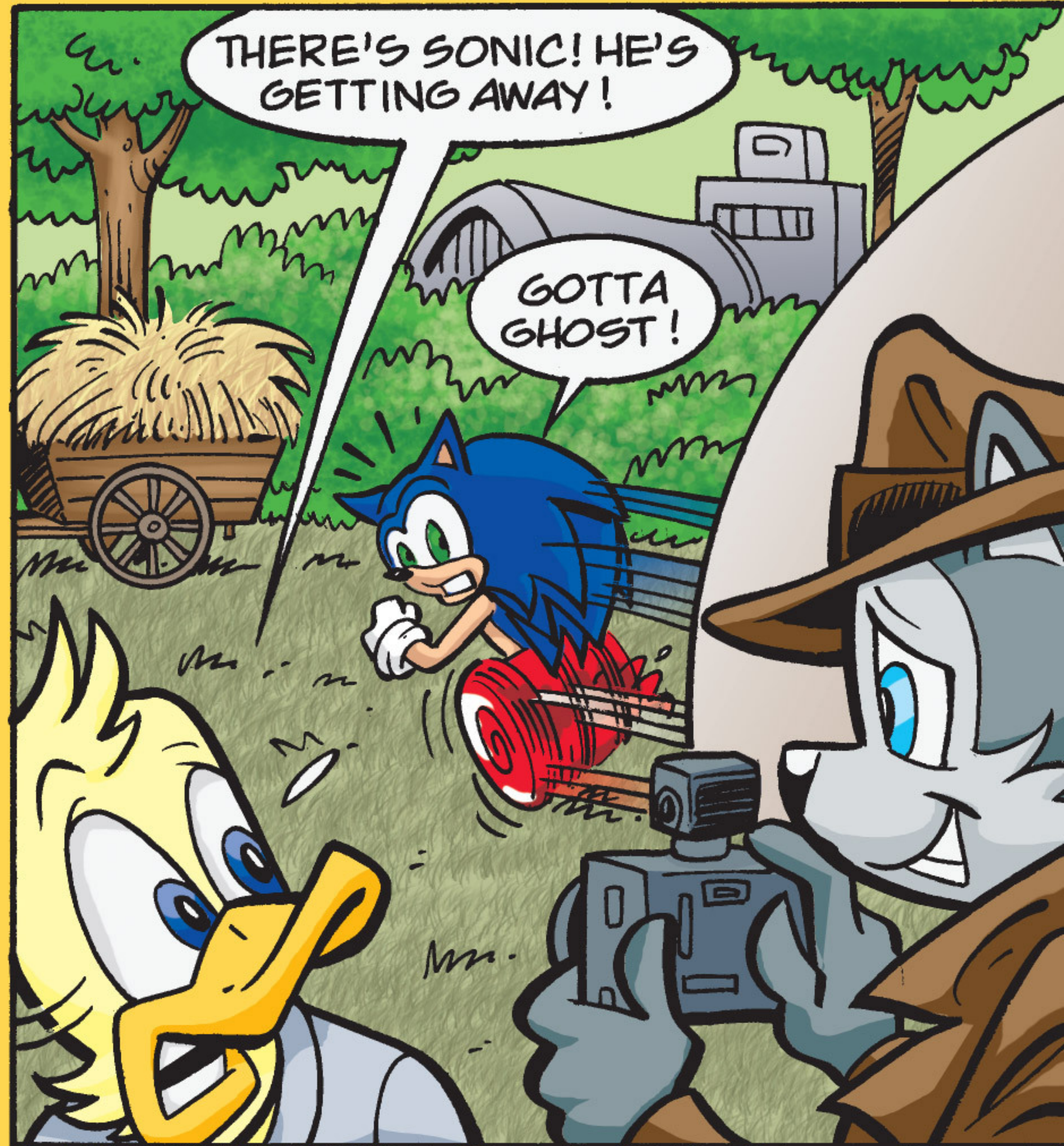
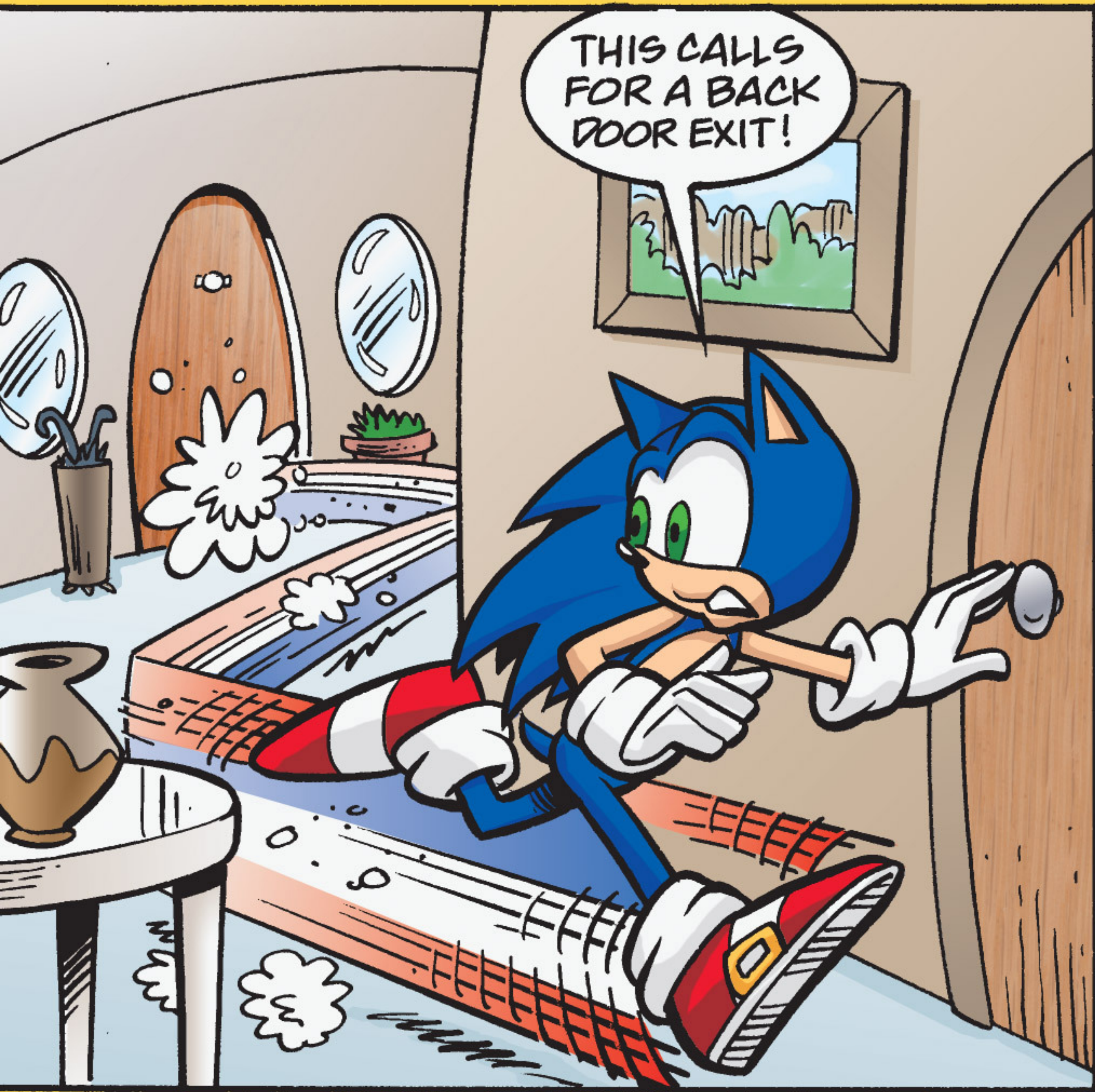
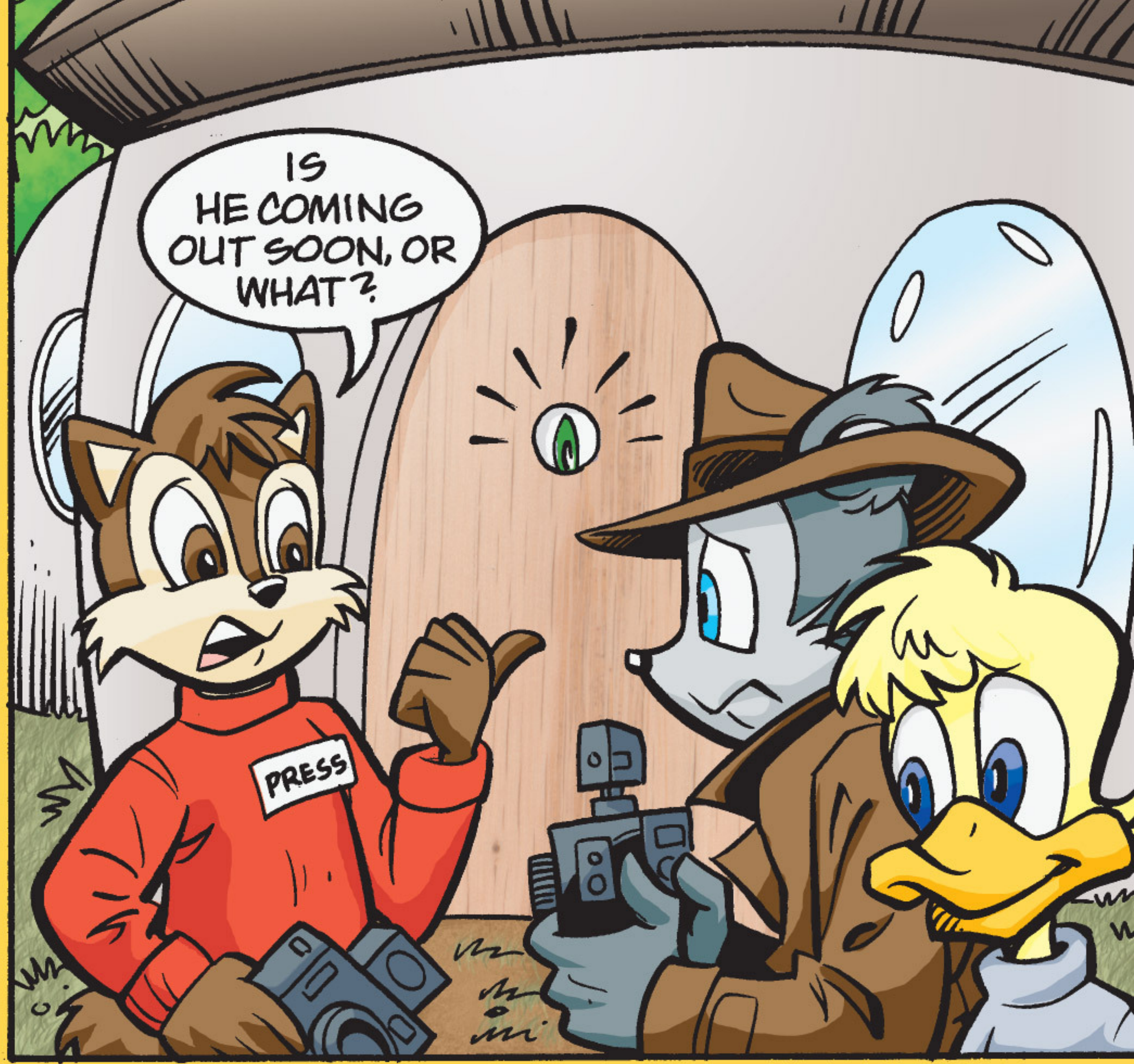


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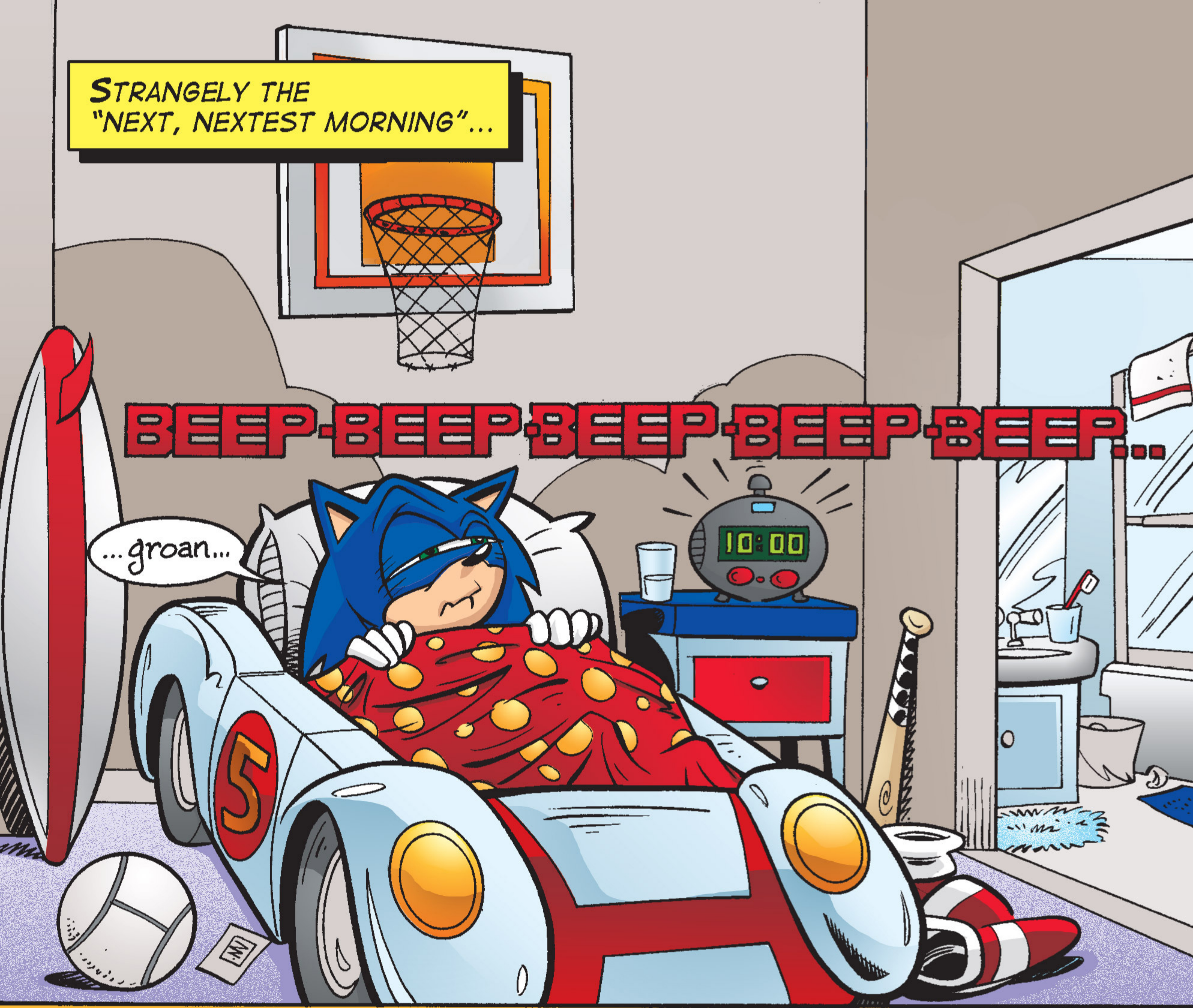




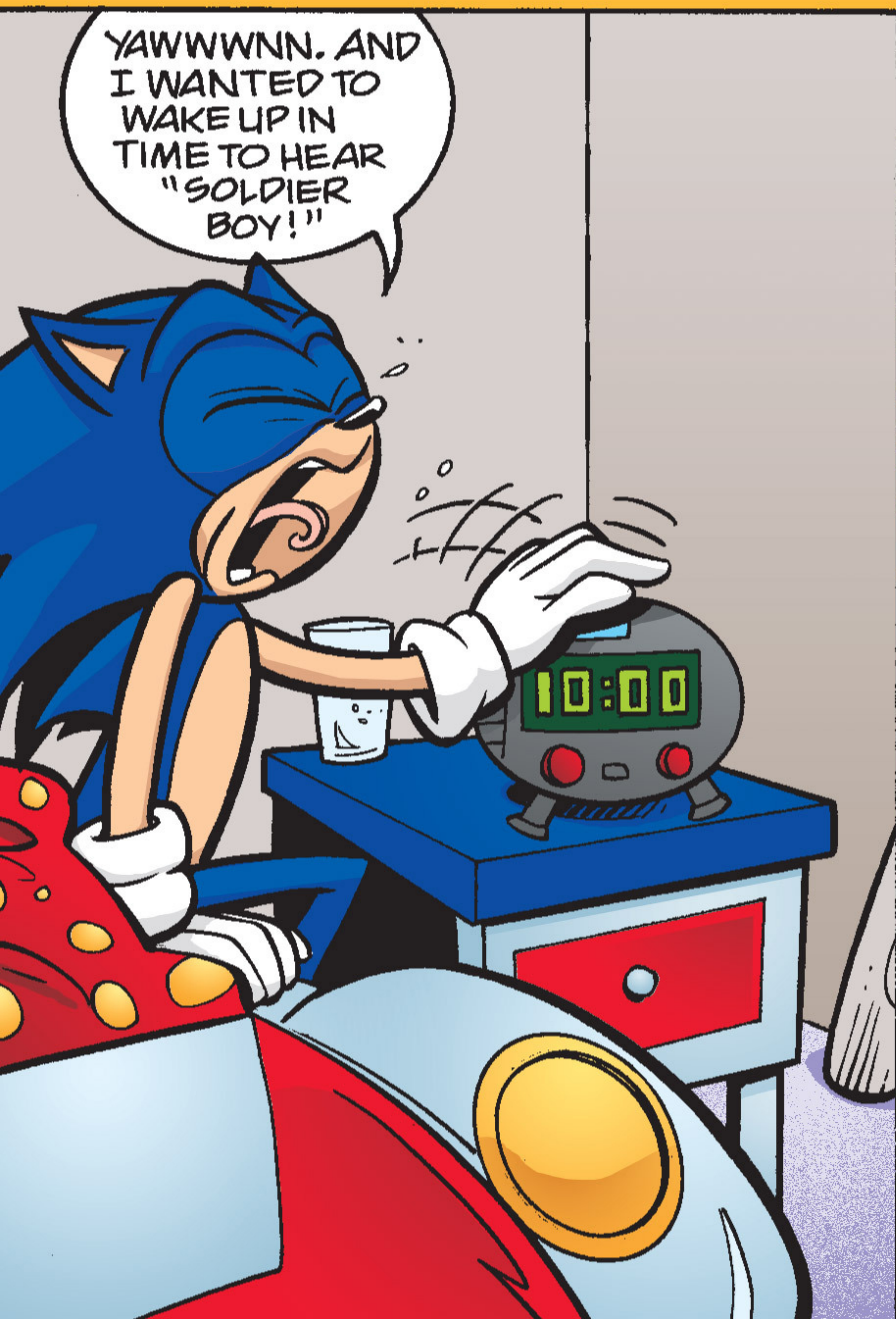
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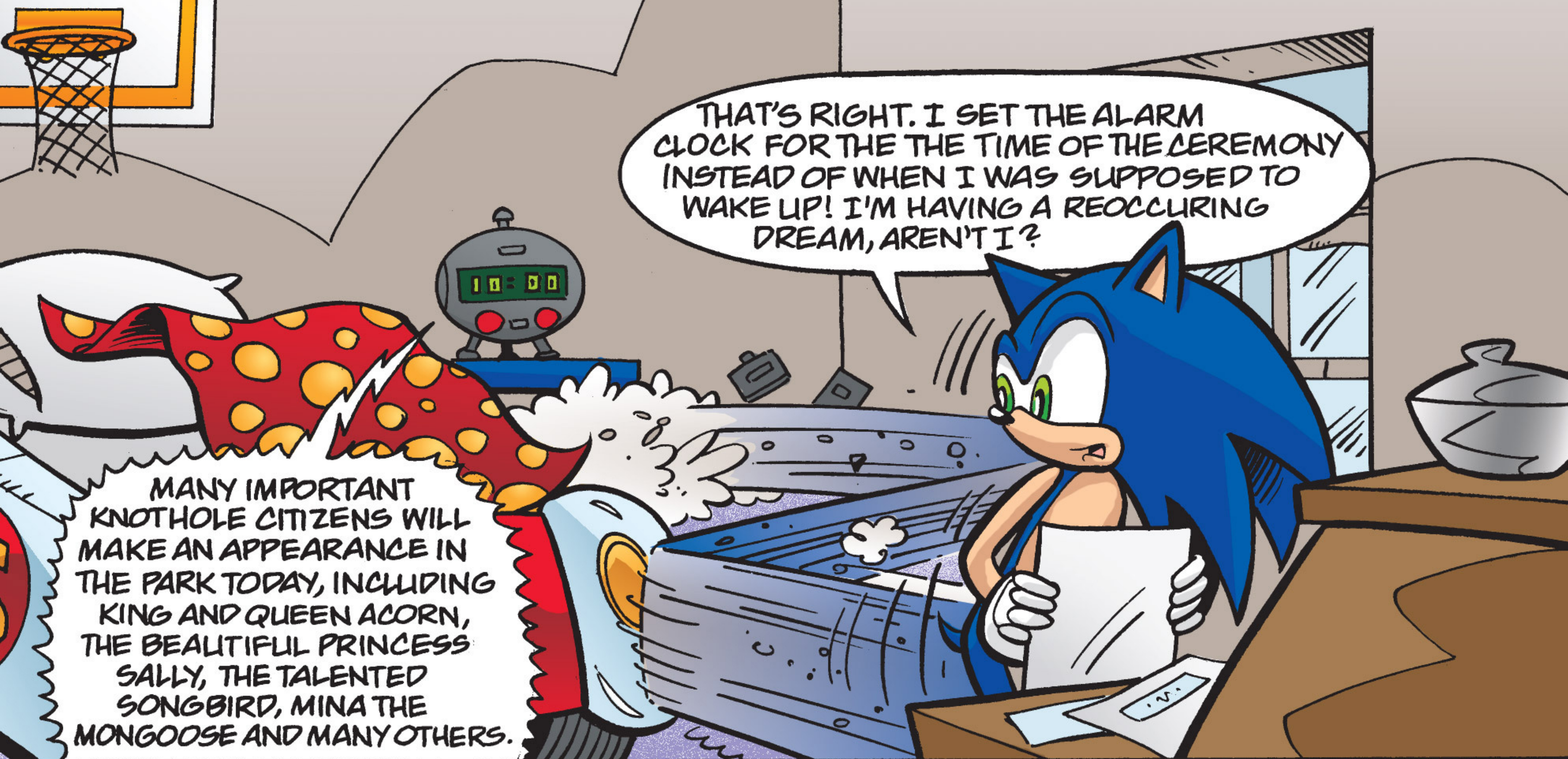
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IT'S GOING TO BE IN THE '70'S FOR MY CEREMONY IN THE PARK, RIGHT?

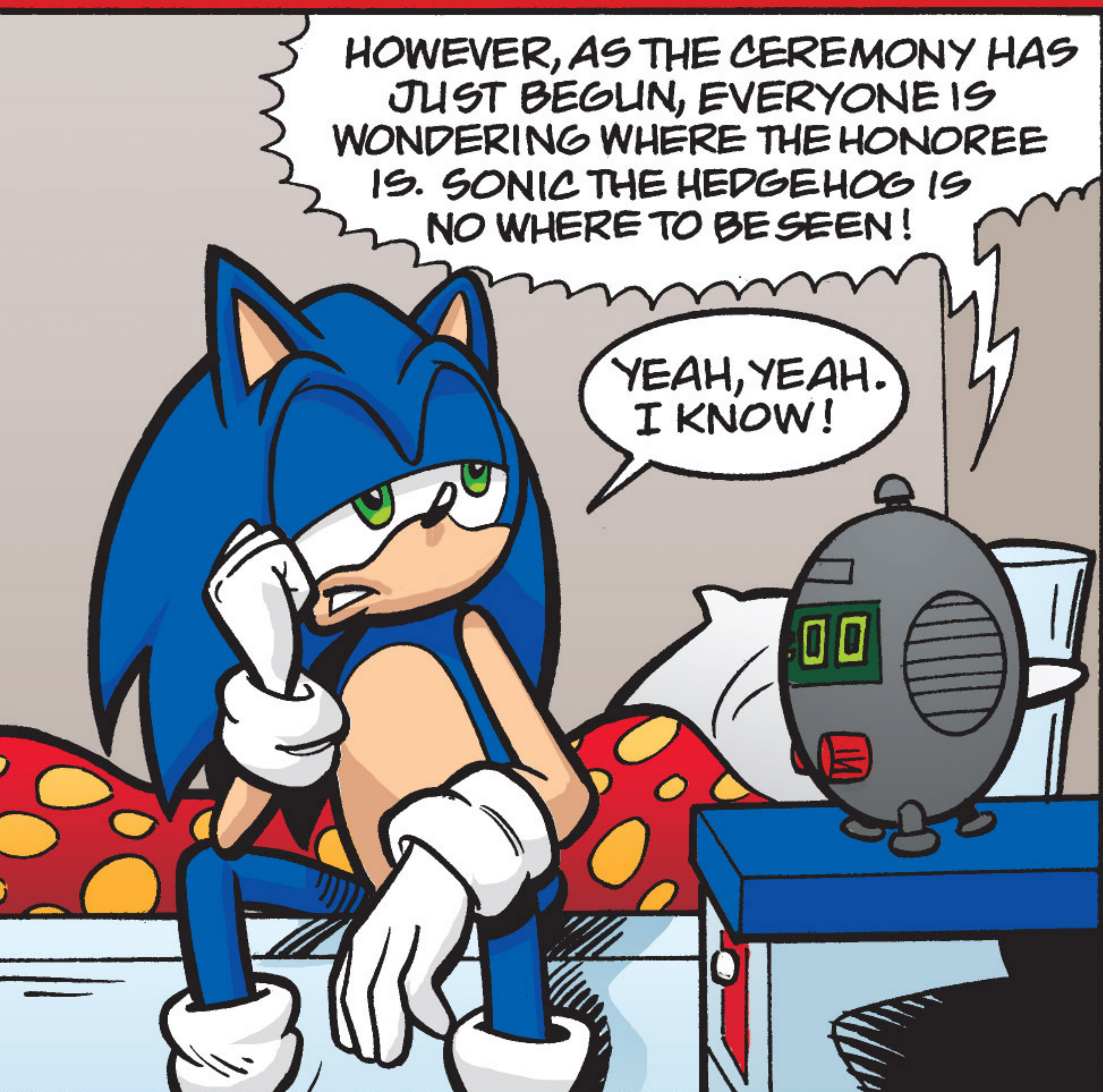


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THAT'S RIGHT. I SET THE ALARM CLOCK FOR THE THE TIME OF THE CEREMONY INSTEAD OF WHEN I WAS SUPPOSED TO WAKE UP! I'M HAVING A REOCCURRING DREAM, AREN'T I?

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YEAH, YEAH. I KNOW!

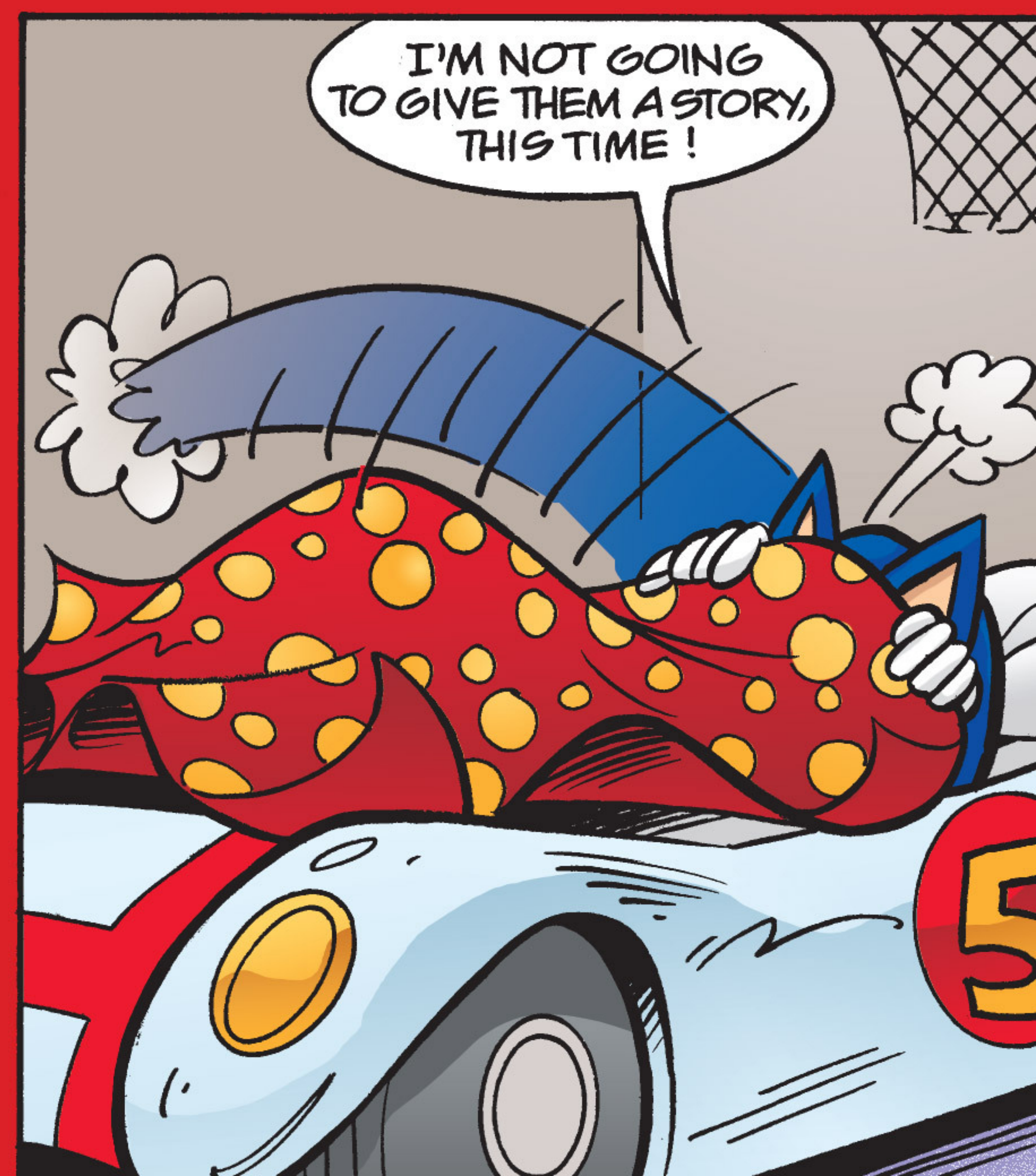


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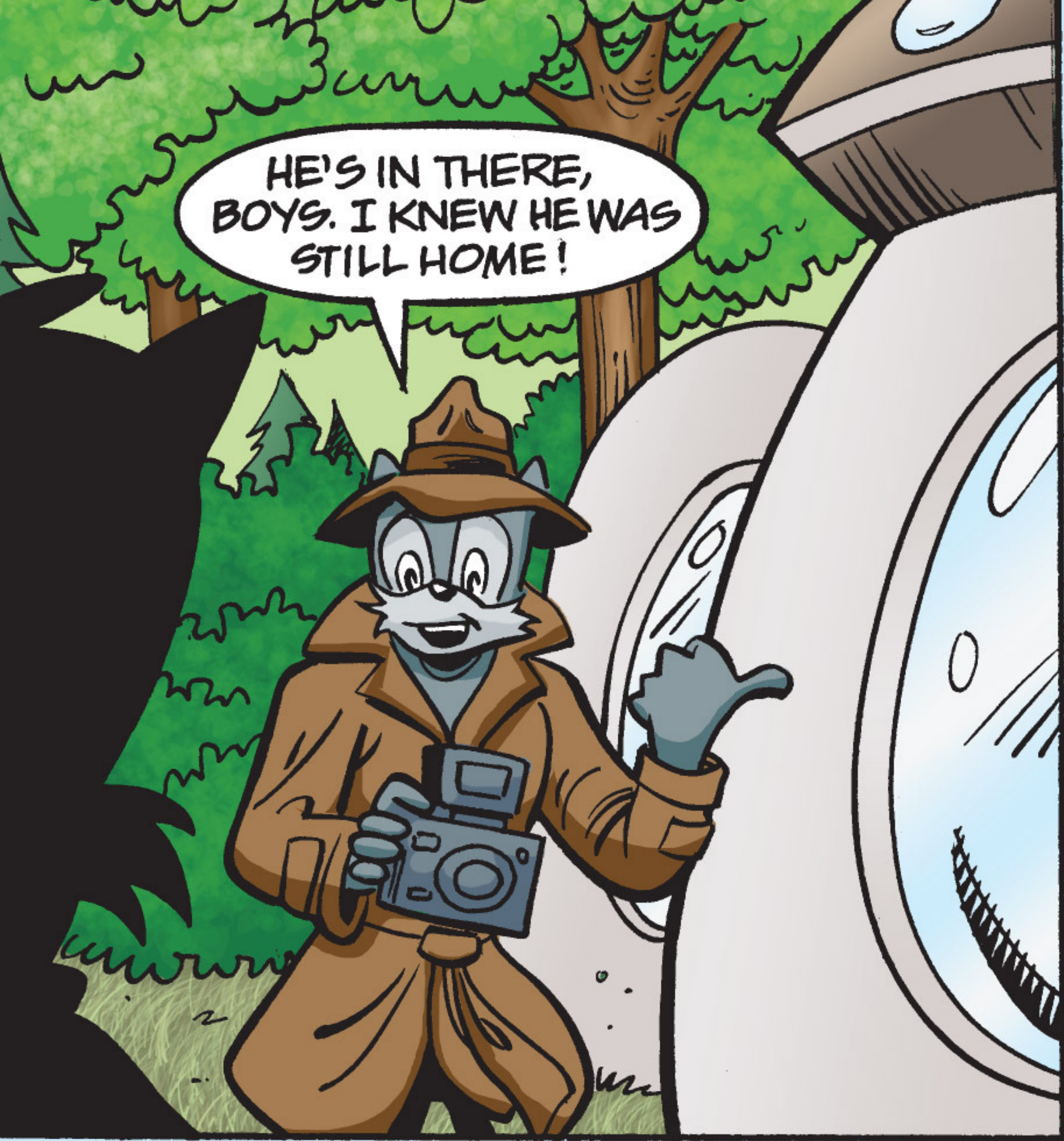
BUT EVERY TIME I GO OUT THERE, SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME THAT PUTS ME IN THE HOSPITAL... SO, I'M NOT GOING.



GREAT! I FORGOT THAT THERE WERE REPORTERS WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE!



I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE THEM A STORY, THIS TIME!



HE'S IN THERE, BOYS. I KNEW HE WAS STILL HOME!



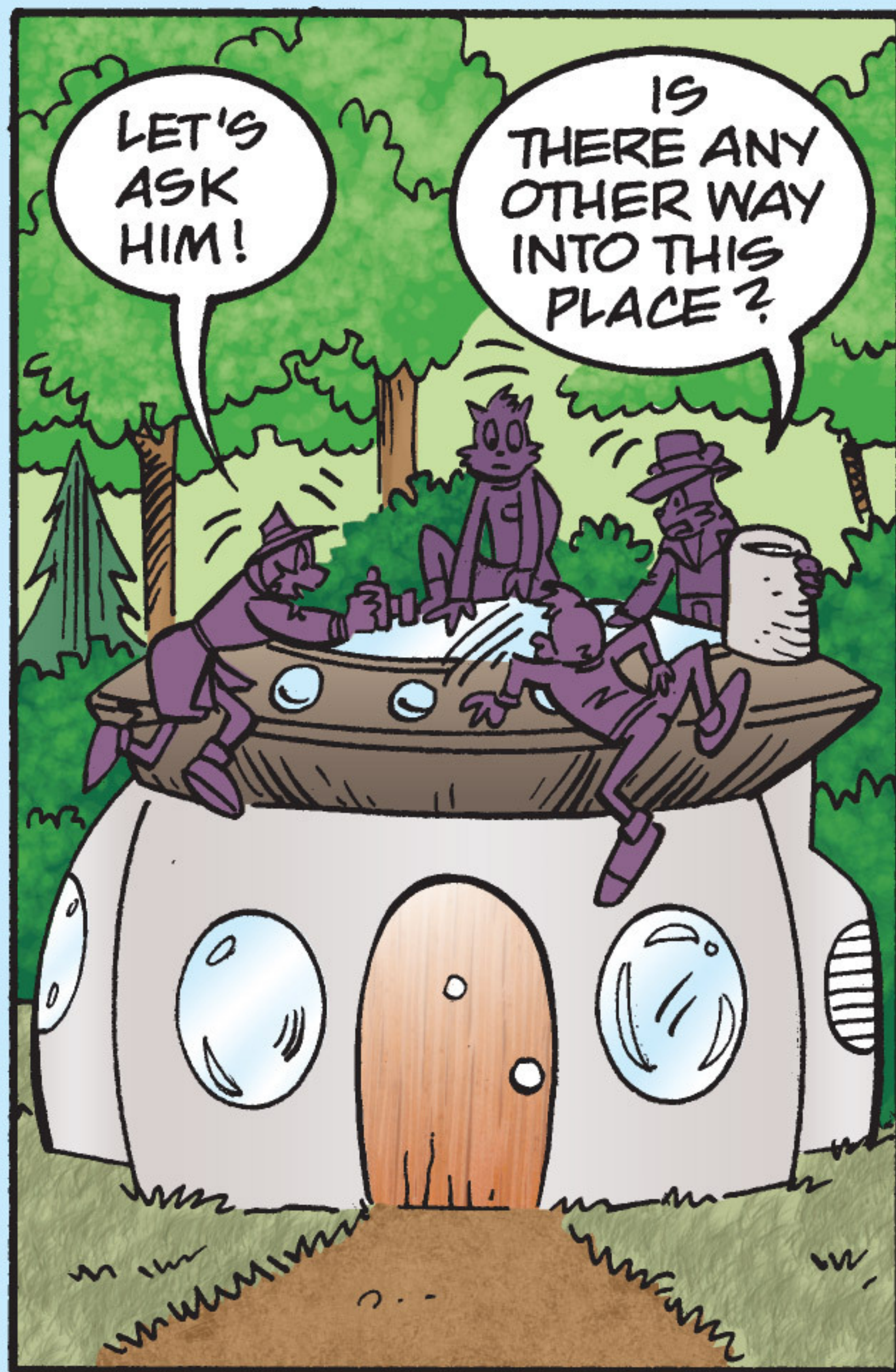
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S STAYING IN BED!

BUT HE'S GOING TO MISS HIS OWN CEREMONY!



THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. MAYBE HE'S REALLY SICK?

MAYBE HE THINKS HE'S TOO GOOD TO GO. I'VE HEARD HE'S CONCEITED!



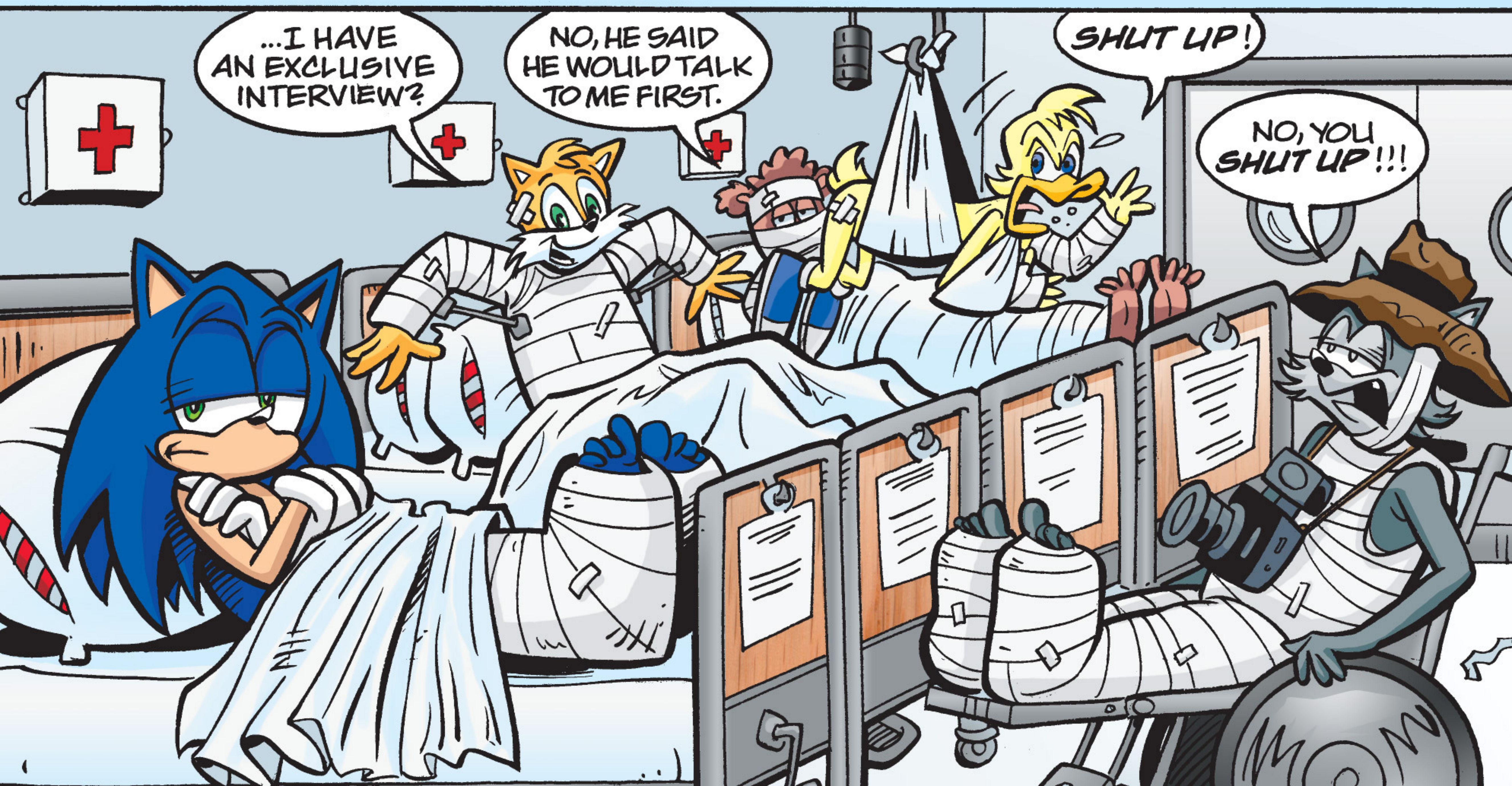
LET'S ASK HIM!

IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY INTO THIS PLACE?



KRASH!

WHOOOOOAAAA!



...I HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW?

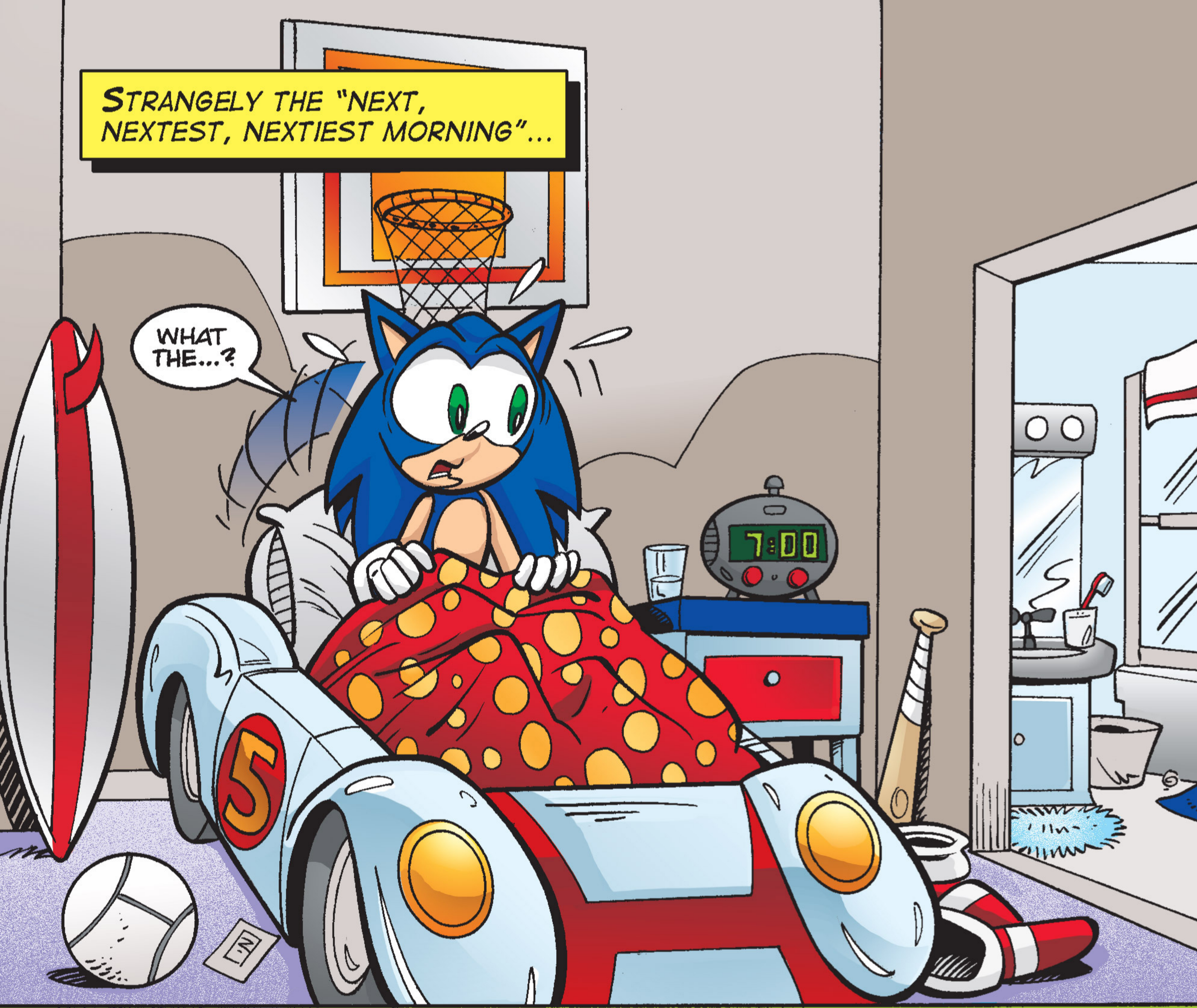
NO, HE SAID HE WOULD TALK TO ME FIRST.

SHUT UP!

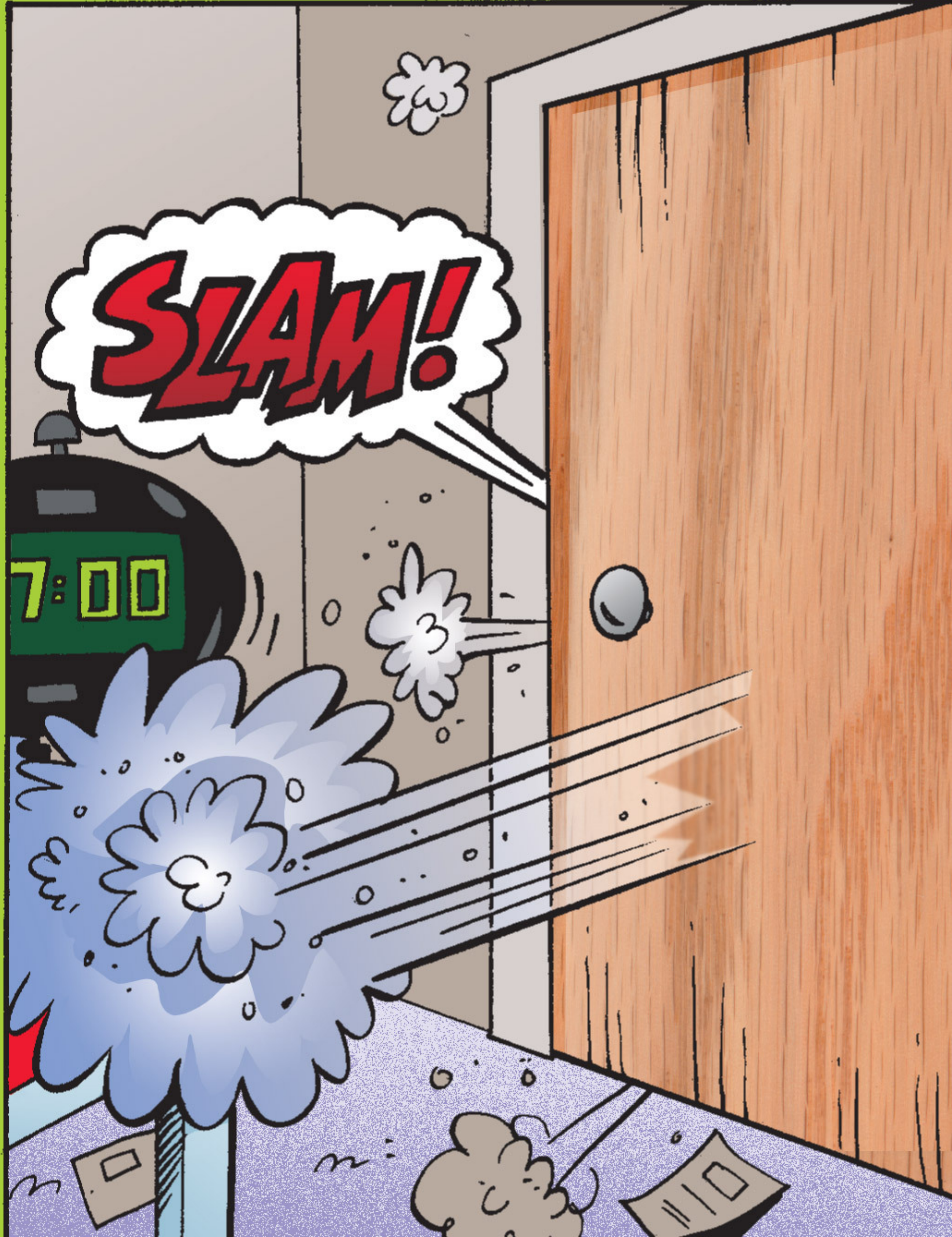
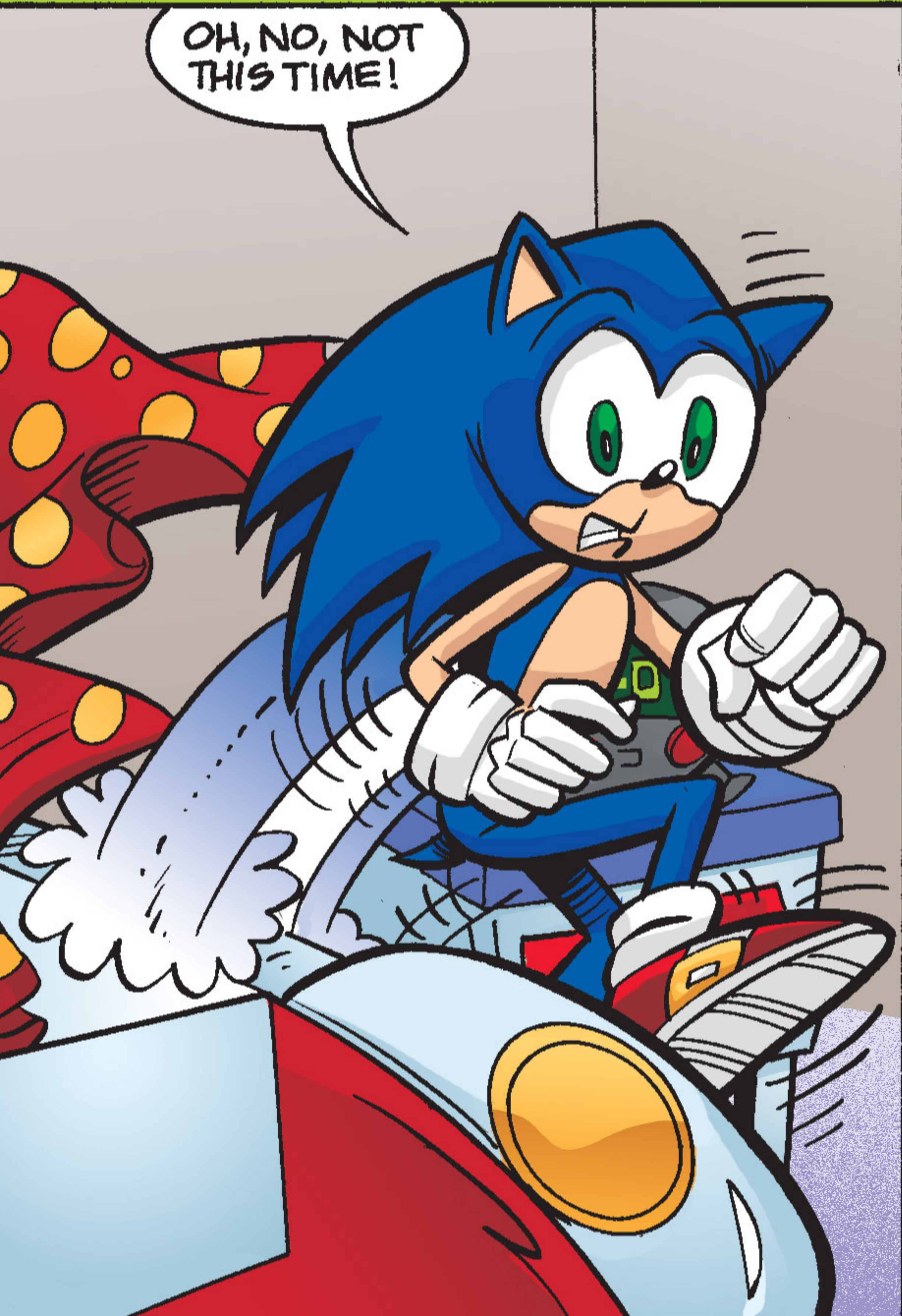
NO, YOU SHUT UP!!!

STRANGELY THE "NEXT, NEXTEST, NEXTIEST MORNING"...

WHAT THE...?



OH, NO, NOT THIS TIME!



SLAM!



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